

# Beam Halo Formation in High-Current Proton Beams

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# Introduction and Outline

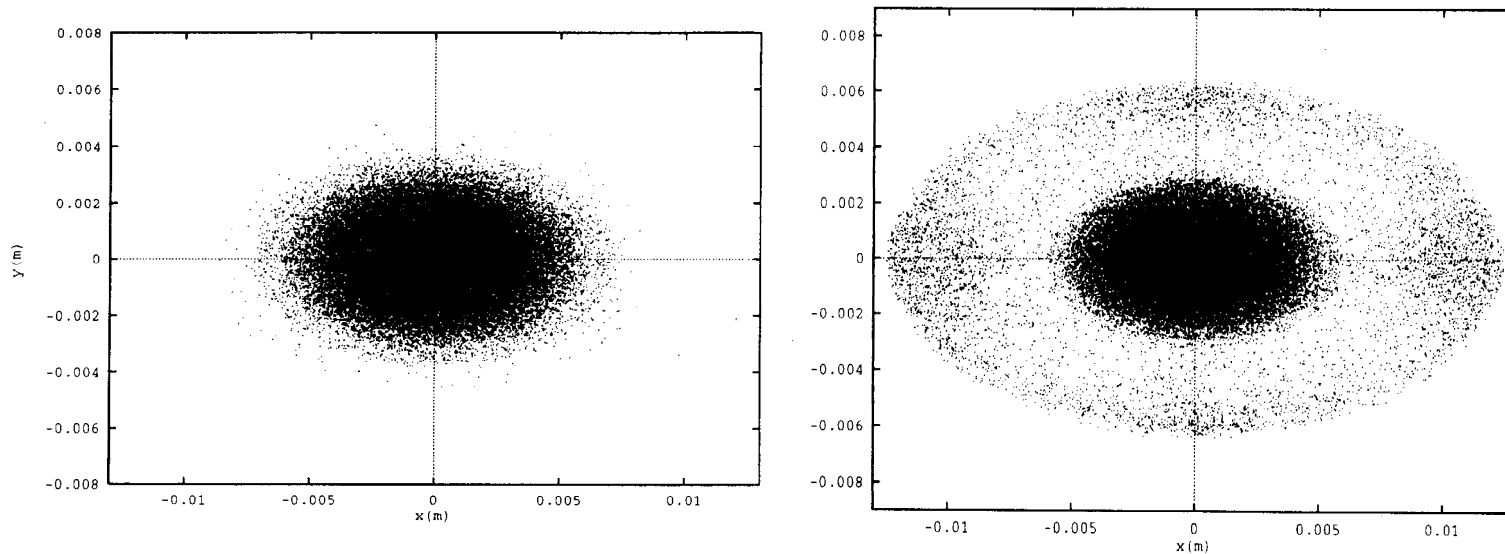
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- Computer simulations and linac operating experience show that a small fraction of particles can acquire a large transverse energy to form halo.
- Halo particles can induce radioactivity, a major concern for new generation of high-intensity proton linacs (ATW, SNS).
- The cause of halo had remained a mystery since LAMPF was built (1972).
- During the past decade a theoretical framework was developed based on computer simulation and a particle core model. *I will review the present understanding.*
- A beam halo experiment is now in progress at Los Alamos to test our simulation codes and our understanding. *I will describe the experiment and show some preliminary results.*

# Example of Beam Halo --Simulation of beam transport line with quadrupole focusing shows that halo is formed in mismatched beams.

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Rms mismatched beam (on right) develops larger amplitudes than rms matched beam (on left)



## Beam mismatch creates extended halo

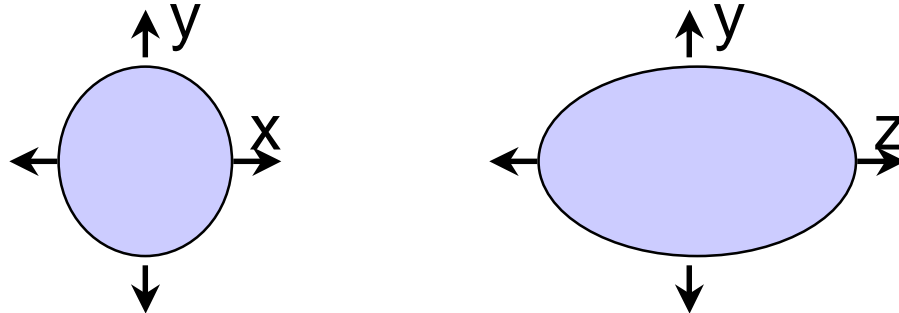
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- Beam matching produces a desirable balance between focusing and defocusing forces.
- Beam mismatch produces an imbalance resulting in excitation of rms envelope modes of the beam and **immediate increase in particle amplitudes**.
- Individual beam particles executing betatron motion through the oscillating beam core can gain transverse energy from the space-charge force.
- Such particles are **slowly driven to even larger amplitudes** through a space-charge parametric resonance with the core oscillations (shown by Gluckstern).
- Analytic particle-core models have been constructed for different bunch geometries to describe the resonant behavior of the halo particles.

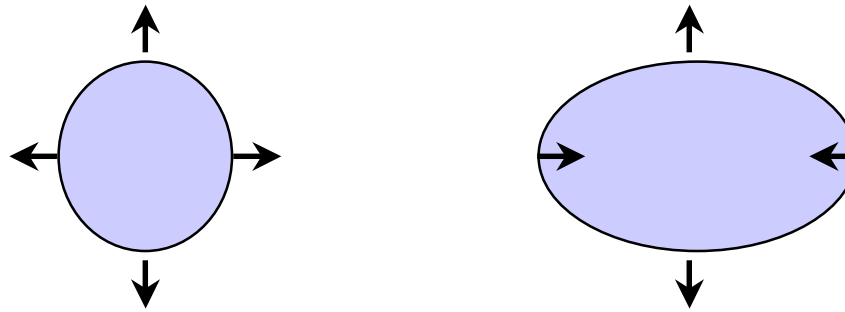
# Envelope Modes of Mismatched Bunched Beams

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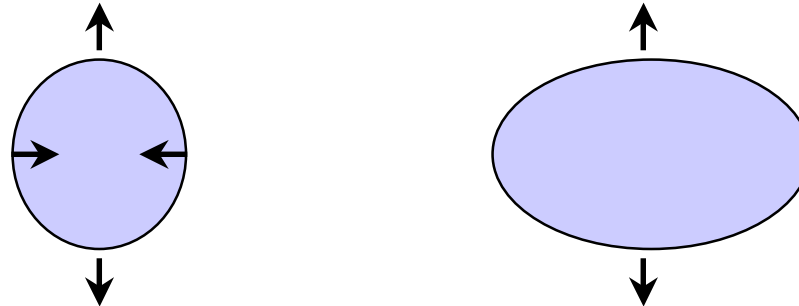
Symmetric  
(Breathing)  
Mode



Antisymmetric  
Mode



Quadrupole  
Mode



## Details of Particle-Core Model

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- Envelope equation models dynamics of the beam core.
- Mismatch the initial core size to excite an “envelope” oscillation mode such as the breathing mode.
- Introduce test particles that experience non-linear space-charge field of oscillating core.
- As particle amplitude increases, particle frequency increases.
- Particles with frequency  $f = f_{\text{mode}}/2$  are slowly driven by space-charge of oscillating core to form more extended halo.

## Equations for Sphere Particle/Core Model

(Other models include cylinder, and 2D and 3D ellipsoids)

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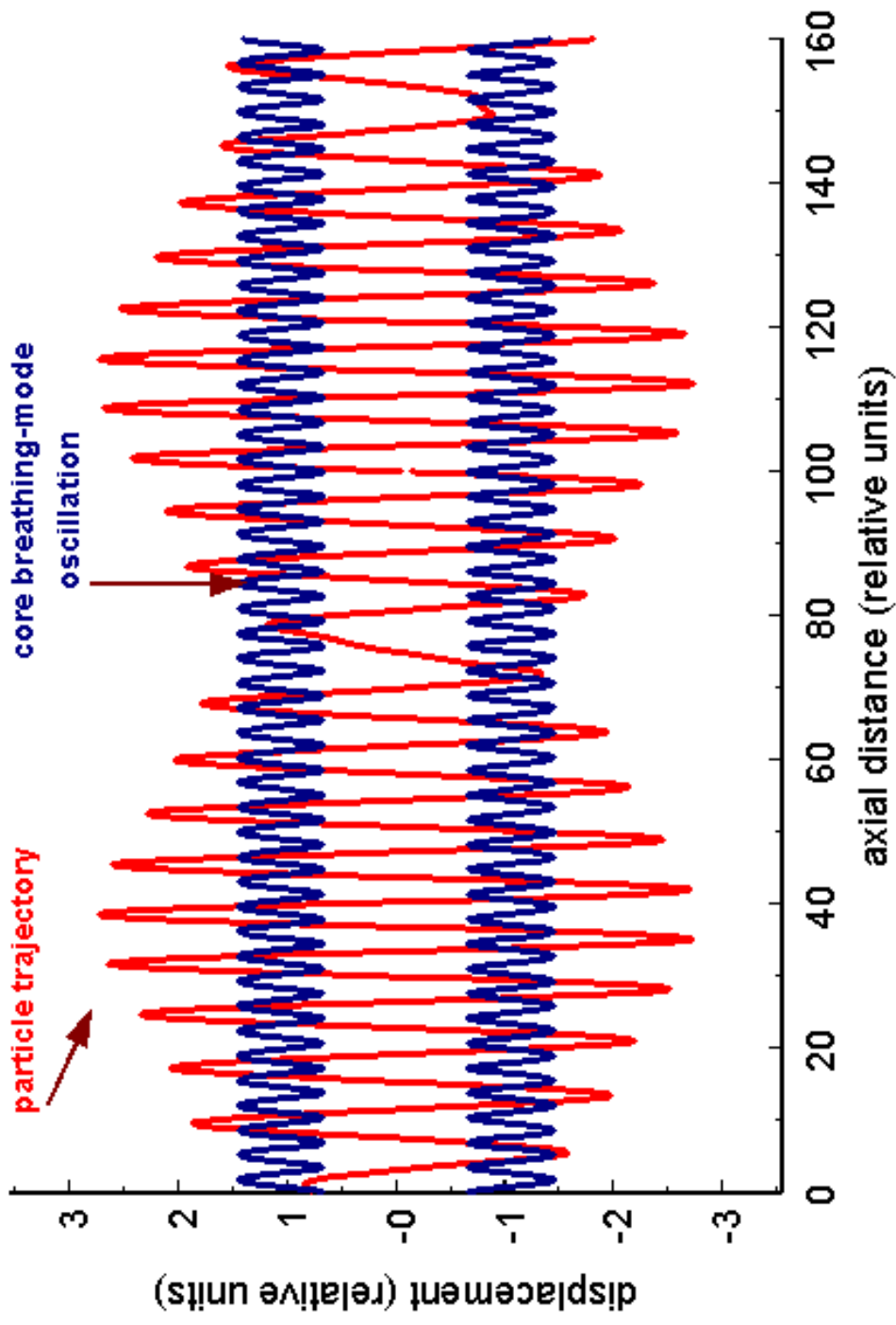
$$R'' + k_0^2 R - \frac{(4\epsilon_{\text{rms}})^2}{R^3} - \frac{\kappa}{R^2} = 0, \text{ envelope equation}$$

$$\text{where } \kappa = \frac{q^2 N}{4\pi\epsilon_0 mc^2 \gamma^3 \beta^2}, \text{ space-charge parameter.}$$

$$x'' + k_0^2 x - \frac{\kappa x}{R^3} = 0, \quad x < R, \quad \text{particle inside of core}$$

$$x'' + k_0^2 x - \frac{\kappa |x|}{x^3} = 0, \quad x > R, \quad \text{particle outside of core.}$$

# Parametric Resonance in Sphere Particle-Core Model

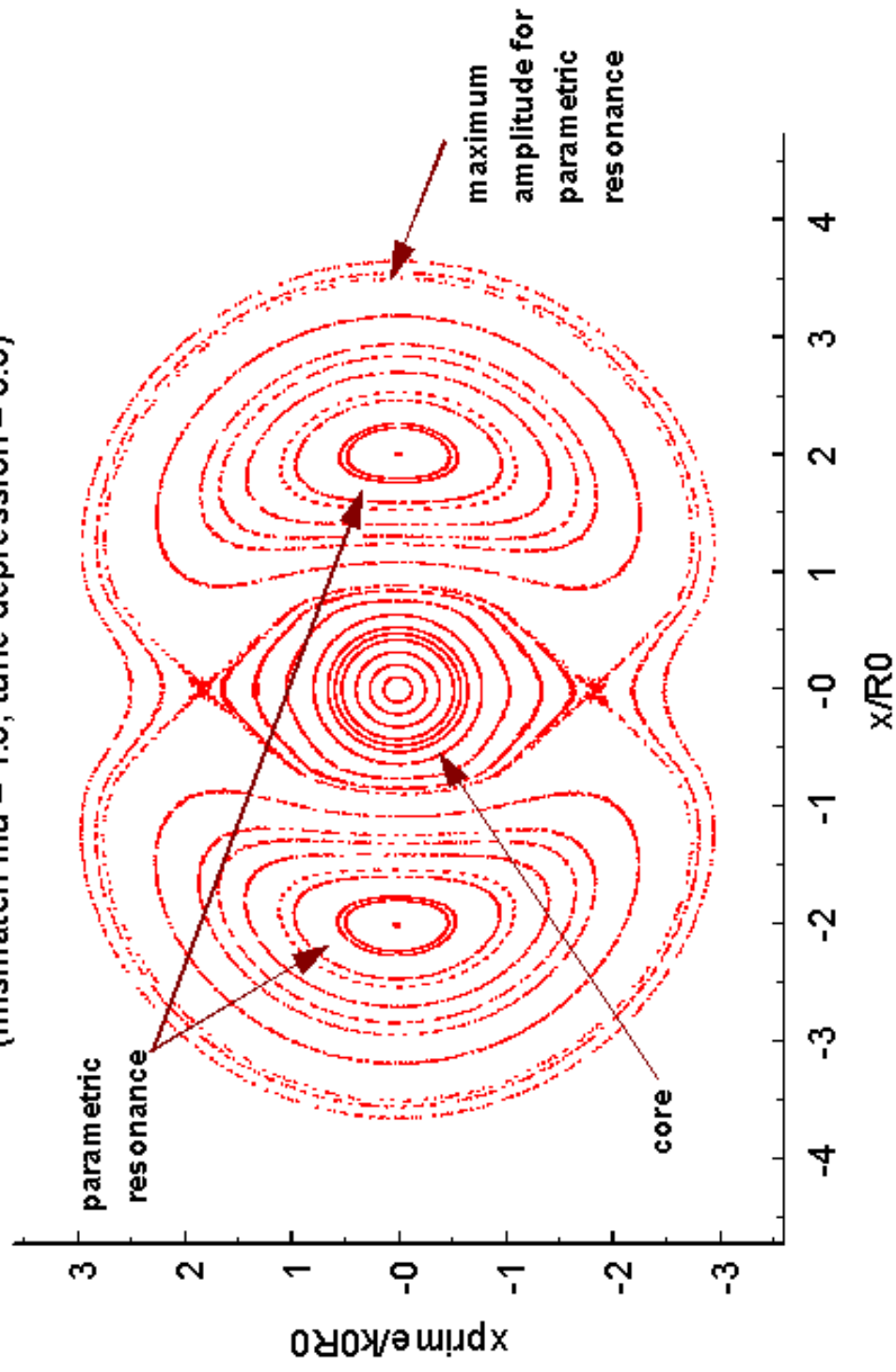




## Stroboscopic Phase Space Plot

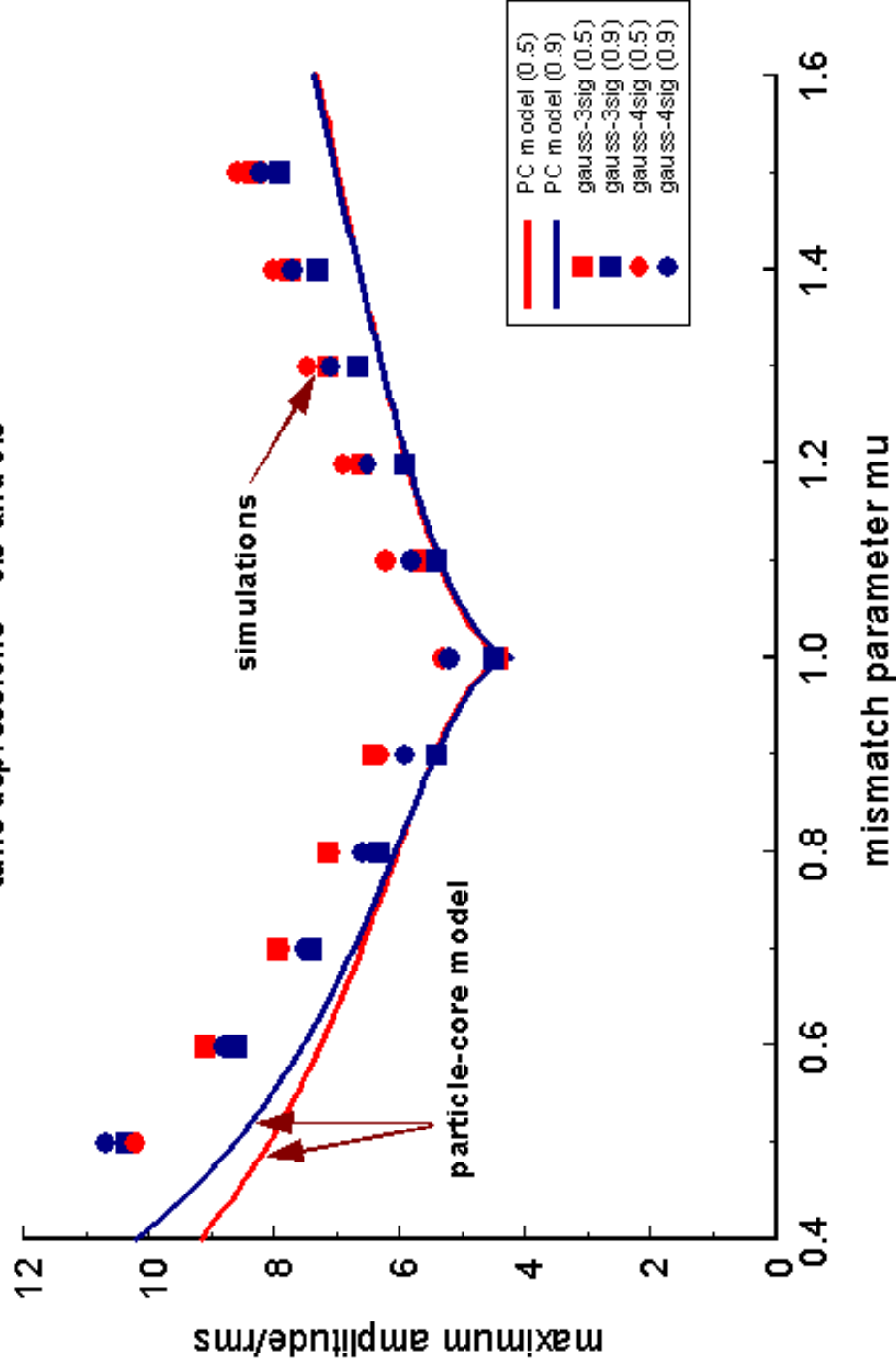
### Particle-Core Model - Spherical Bunch - Breathing Mode

(mismatch  $\mu = 1.5$ , tune depression = 0.5)



# Simulations of Spherical Gaussian Bunch Compared with Sphere Particle-Core Model

tune depressions = 0.5 and 0.9



## Scaling of maximum resonant amplitude from sphere particle-core model suggests design guidelines.

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$$x_{\max} \cong 5 \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_n}{k_0 \beta \gamma}} [1 + u]^{2/3} [1 + |\ln(\mu)|],$$

where

$$u = \frac{q^2 N}{20 \sqrt{5} \pi \epsilon_0 m c^2 (k_0 \beta \gamma^3 \epsilon_{n,\text{rms}}^3)^{1/2}}.$$

$\mu$  = match parameter

$\beta, \gamma$  = velocity, relativistic mass factor

$N$  = particles per bunch

$\epsilon_{n,\text{rms}}$  = rms normalized emit tance

$k_0$  = zero – current transverse wave number

## Particle-core model summary

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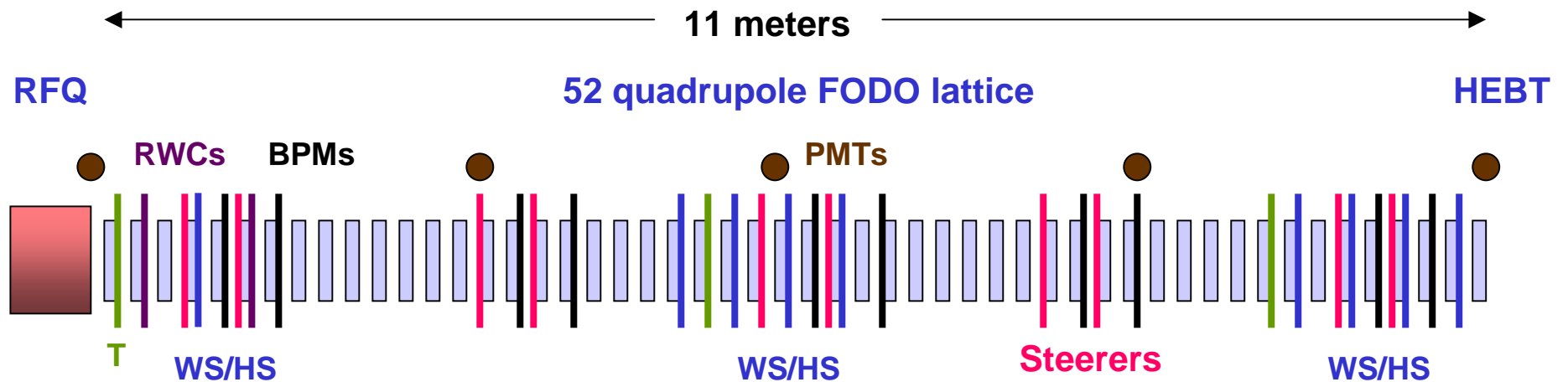
- Halo extent is limited because of the amplitude-dependence of particle-oscillation frequency (simulations confirm this as a good approximation).
- Growth rate of halo increases as beam becomes more space-charge dominated).
- Ellipsoidal models (Maryland, LLNL, and LANL) show bunch aspect ratio dependence. For  $z > 2r$  symmetric (breathing) mode generates mostly transverse halo. Antisymmetric mode generates mostly longitudinal halo.
- Rf nonlinear force disrupts the parametric resonance condition for longitudinal halo. (*J. Barnard and S. Lund*). Simulations confirm that longitudinal halo is well confined within rf bucket.
- Scaling formula shows that to limit the halo you want strong focusing, good matching, and high frequency.

# Beam-Halo Experiment

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- 75-mA pulsed beam ( $\sim 30\text{-}\mu\text{sec}$  pulse, 1-Hz) from 6.7-MeV RFQ at LEDA facility.
- FODO transport line with 52 quadrupoles and ample complement of beam diagnostics.
- First four quadrupoles are used to create breathing- and quadrupole-mode mismatches.
- 10 mismatch oscillations, enough to produce measurable halo growth as predicted by simulations.
- Use special beam-profile scanners consisting of a thin wire for core measurement and plates for halo measurement. Large dynamic intensity range for beam profile (at least 10000).
- Vary mismatch and current. Measure and compare with codes 1) **rms emittances**, 2) **maximum detectable amplitudes**, 3) **kurtosis** (beam profile parameter).
- Also search for additional halo from other sources.

# Fully Instrumented LEDA Beam-Halo Lattice



First 4  
quadrupoles  
independently  
powered  
for generating  
mismatch modes.

**52 Quadrupoles + 4 in the HEBT**

**9 Wire Scanners/Halo Scrapers (Projections) + 1 in the HEBT**

**3 Toroid (Pulsed Current) + 2 in the HEBT**

**5 PMT Loss Monitors (Loss) + 2 in the HEBT**

**10 Steering Magnets + 2 in the HEBT**

**10 Beam Position Monitors (Position) + 5 in the HEBT**

**2 Resistive Wall Current Monitors (Central Energy)**

# LEDA Facility Halo Lattice



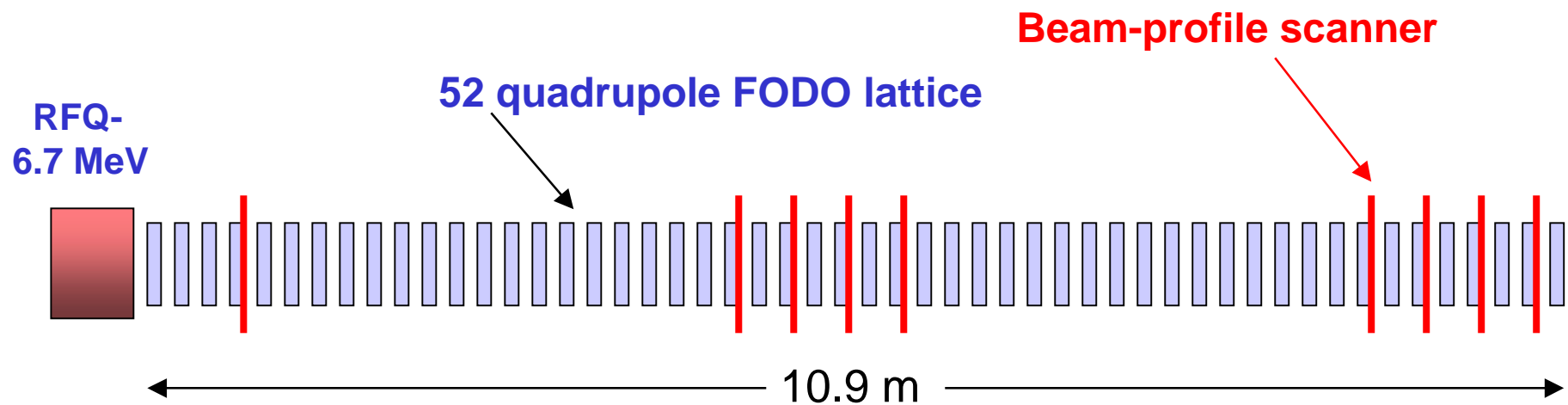


# Close Up of WS #45 through WS #51





# Beam-halo experiment



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# Beam profile monitor is our main halo diagnostic tool (J.D.Gilpatrick, et al.)

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- 9 measurement stations at which both horizontal and vertical projected distributions are measured.
- Wire is 33 $\mu$  carbon fiber to measure core.
  - Stopping range of protons is 300 $\mu$  so protons pass through wire.
  - Wire signal is due to secondary electron emission.
  - Wire bias voltage about -10V to enhance signal.
- Scraper is graphite plate brazed onto copper. Scraper measures halo
  - Graphite is 1.5 mm thick so protons stop in graphite.
  - Scraper bias voltage about +10V to suppress secondary electron emission.
  - Copper is water cooled.
- Simulations predicted dynamic range of  $10^3$ :1 for wire alone and  $10^5$ :1 for wire plus scraper. Approximately confirmed by observations.
- Simulations predicted wire can detect to 4 rms. Halo scraper extends this to 5 rms.

# Measurement Cycle

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- RF blanking pulse de-energizes RFQ.
- 75-keV beam from dc injector is injected into unpowered RFQ as injector beam approaches steady state.
- RF blanking pulse is removed and RFQ is excited. ( $T \sim 5\mu\text{s}$  rise time)
- Beam profile monitors are in fixed position so only one wire or scraper is in beam at a time. All other wires or scrapers are outside beam pipe aperture.
  - Wire or scraper collects beam-induced charge over about  $30\mu\text{s}$
  - $30\mu\text{s}$  limit is set by onset of thermionic emission of the scanner wire.
  - Accumulated charge is digitized.
  - Only last  $10\mu\text{s}$  of collected charge is selected for data.
- After  $30\mu\text{s}$  interval dc injector turned off.
- During 1 sec before next pulse, scanner wire and scraper are moved to next position.

# Procedures for Matching and Mismatching are Important

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- Beam matching is being done initially by adjusting the first 4 quadrupoles to produce equal rms sizes in x and equal rms sizes in y at the four scanners in the middle of the channel.
  - A least squares fitting procedure is used.
- Pure mode mismatches are then done by calculating matched Courant-Snyder ellipse parameters at the scanners using TRACE3D.
  - Then, adjust the first 4 quadrupoles to set these parameter values.
  - Equal scale factors for x and y planes produce pure breathing mode.
- Mismatch strength measured using parameter  $\mu$  which equals ratio of initial rms size of mismatched beam to rms size of matched beam.

# Characterization of the Beam from the Profile Measurements

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- Rms emittances at RFQ exit are calculated from a least squares procedure using rms-size measurements at upstream beam profile monitor for a array of different settings of the first four matching quadrupoles.
- Rms emittances at the two clusters of beam profile monitors are calculated from a least squares procedure using rms-size measurements at the four beam profile monitors in each cluster.
- Maximum detectable amplitude is determined from intersection of transverse profile curve with background noise level.
- Shape of distribution is characterized using a “kurtosis” parameter defined in terms of ratio of 4th moment to 2nd moment.

# Beam-profile parameter (kurtosis) definition

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$$h_x = \frac{\langle x^4 \rangle}{\langle x^2 \rangle^2} - 2.$$

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- Similar definition applies for y and z coordinates.
- Dimensionless shape parameters independent of beam intensity.
- Easily calculated from moments of measured or simulated beam profiles.
- Zero for uniform-density 2D elliptical (KV) or 3D ellipsoidal beam.
- Equal to or near unity for Gaussian profile.
- Matched beams without halo have values between 0 and 1.  
Increases as tails develop, but can decrease and go negative if beam profile becomes square.

## Approximate position measurement errors

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- Beam centering:  $\pm 200\mu$ .
- Beam jitter:  $\pm 50\mu$
- RMS beam size:  $\pm 50\mu$



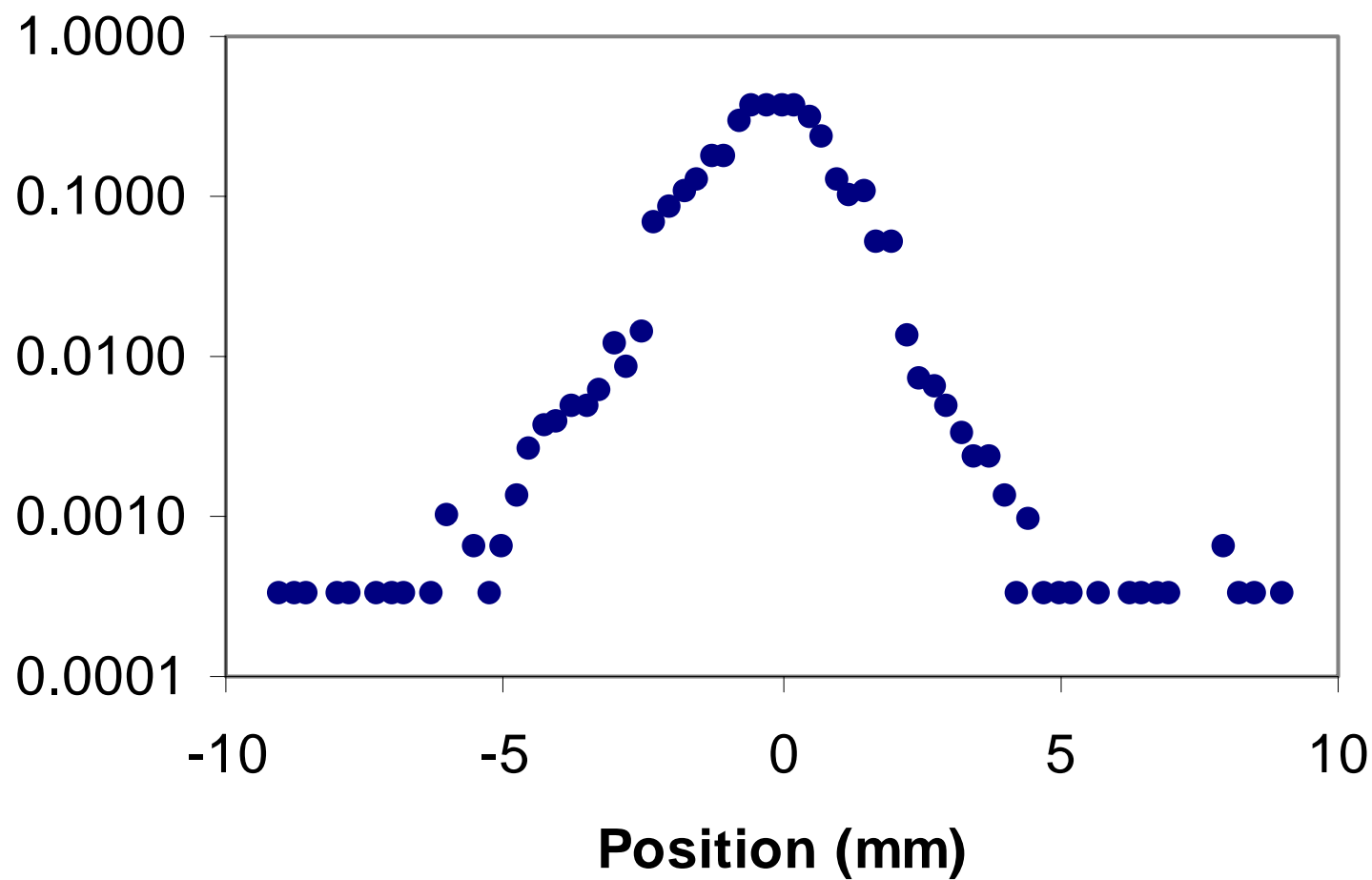
## Preliminary results from measured profile shapes at 75 mA

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- Measurements have been made at 15, 50, and 75 mA. Initial analysis has been carried out for 75 mA data.
- Transverse profile measurements for mismatched beams show unexpected halo structure.
  - shoulders
  - asymmetries
- Rms-emittance grows along the channel; Growth rate increases as mismatch increases.
- Kurtosis generally decreases with increasing mismatch strength as shoulders develop.
- Maximum detectable amplitude shows no measurable dependence on mismatch strength.

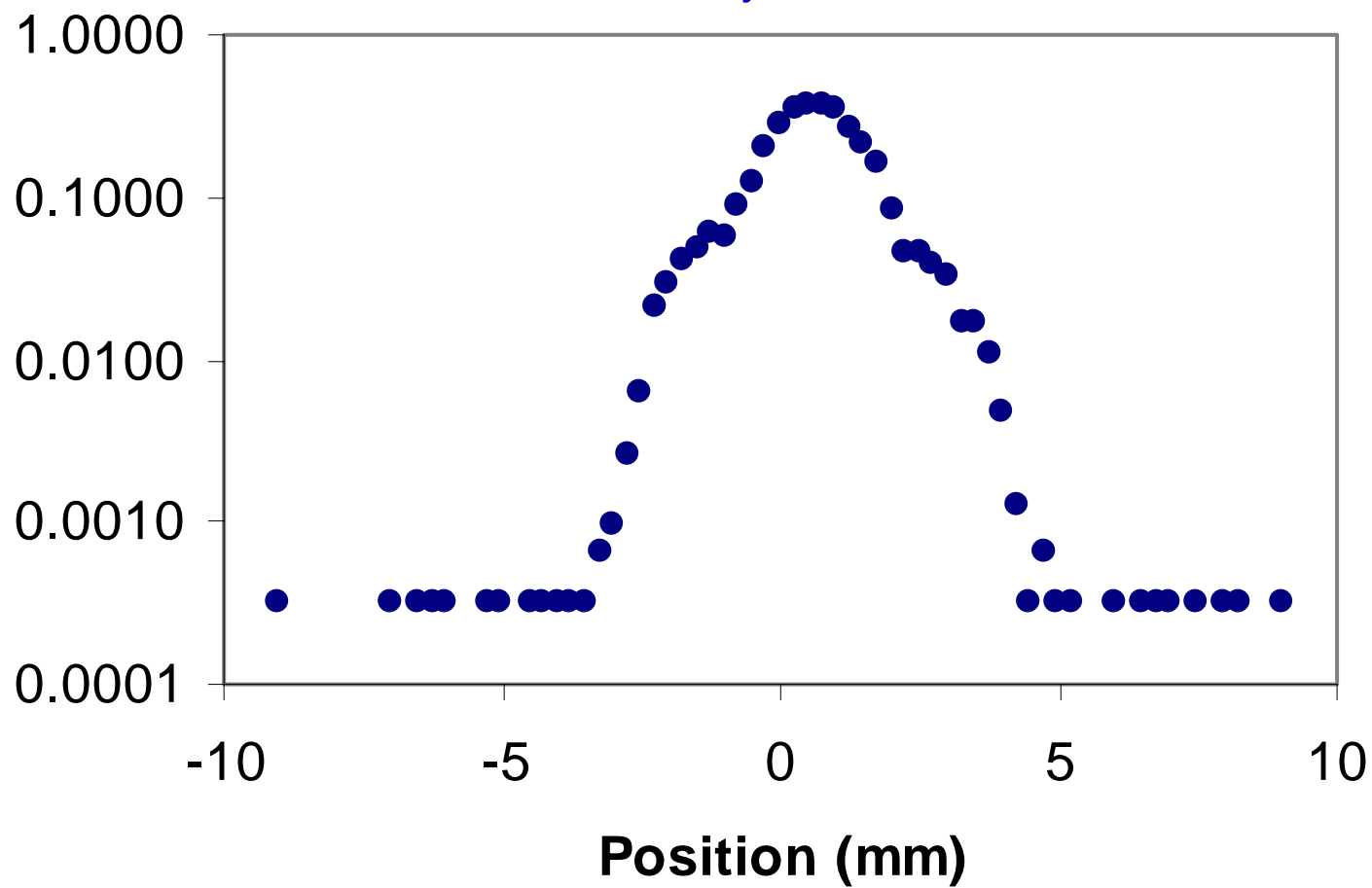
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**scanner 22 75 mA mu=1.0**

Wires only

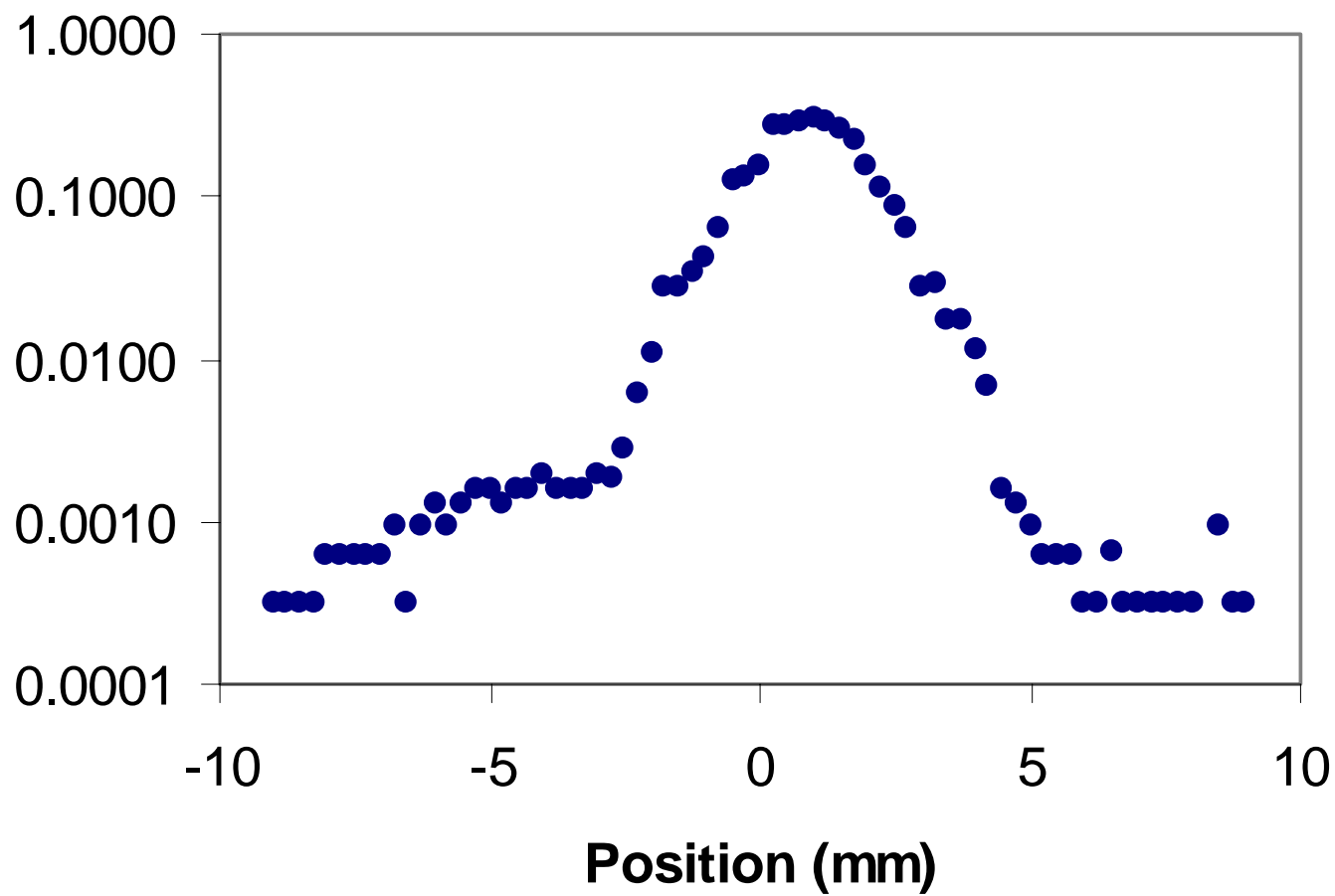


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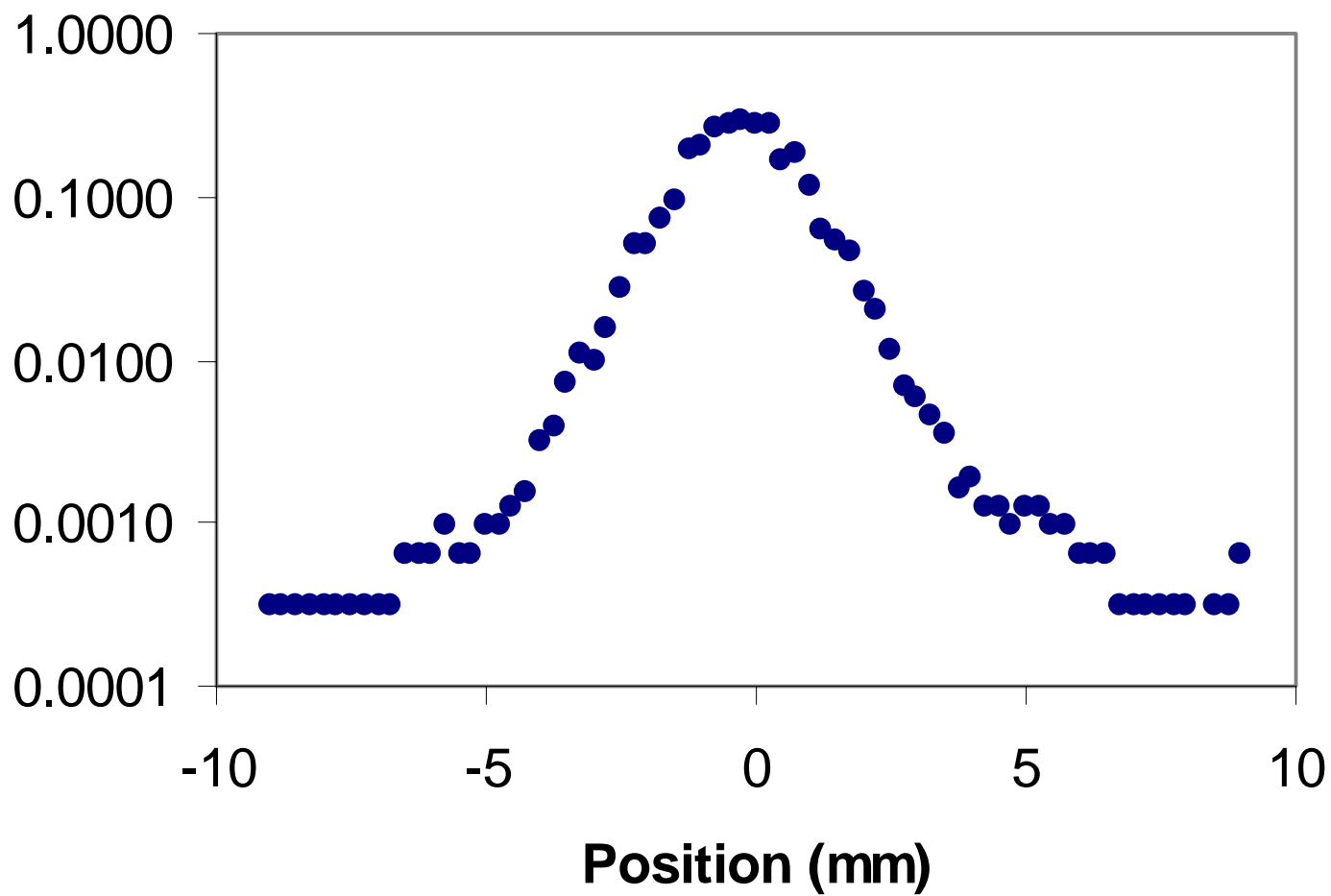


**X Axis Beam Profile**  
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**Y Axis Beam Profile**  
**scanner 51 75 mA  $\mu=1.0$**

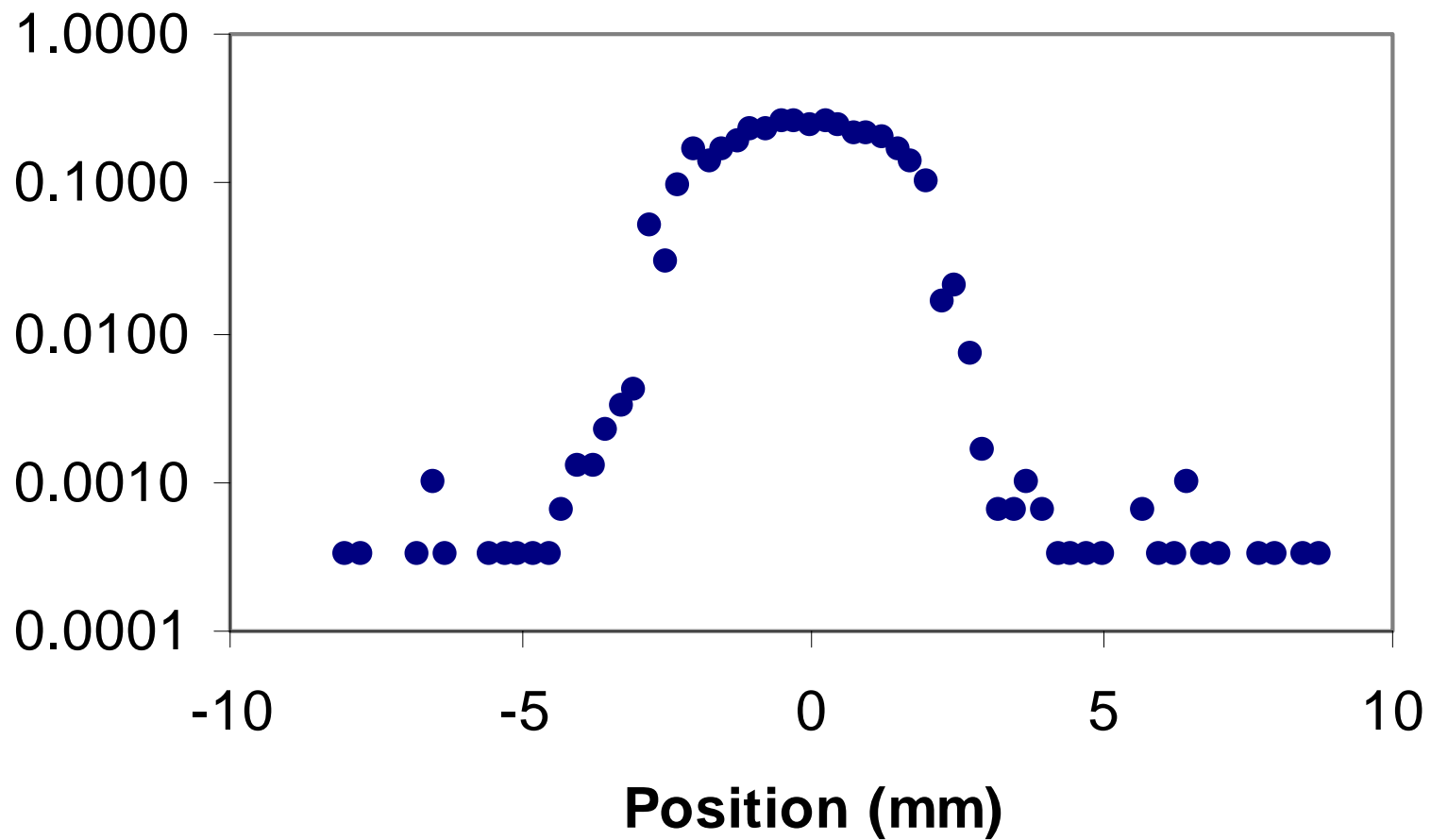
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# X Axis Beam Profile

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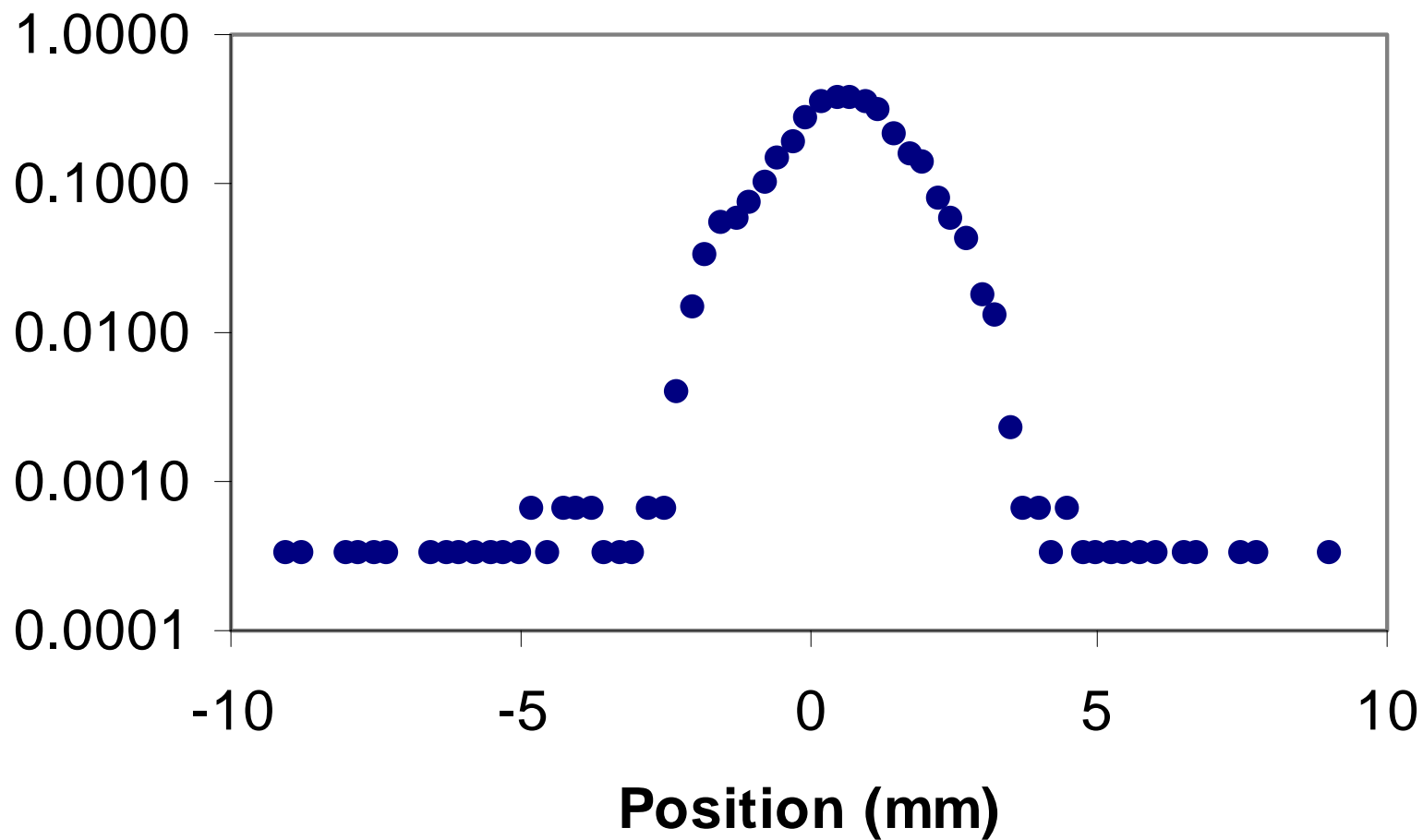
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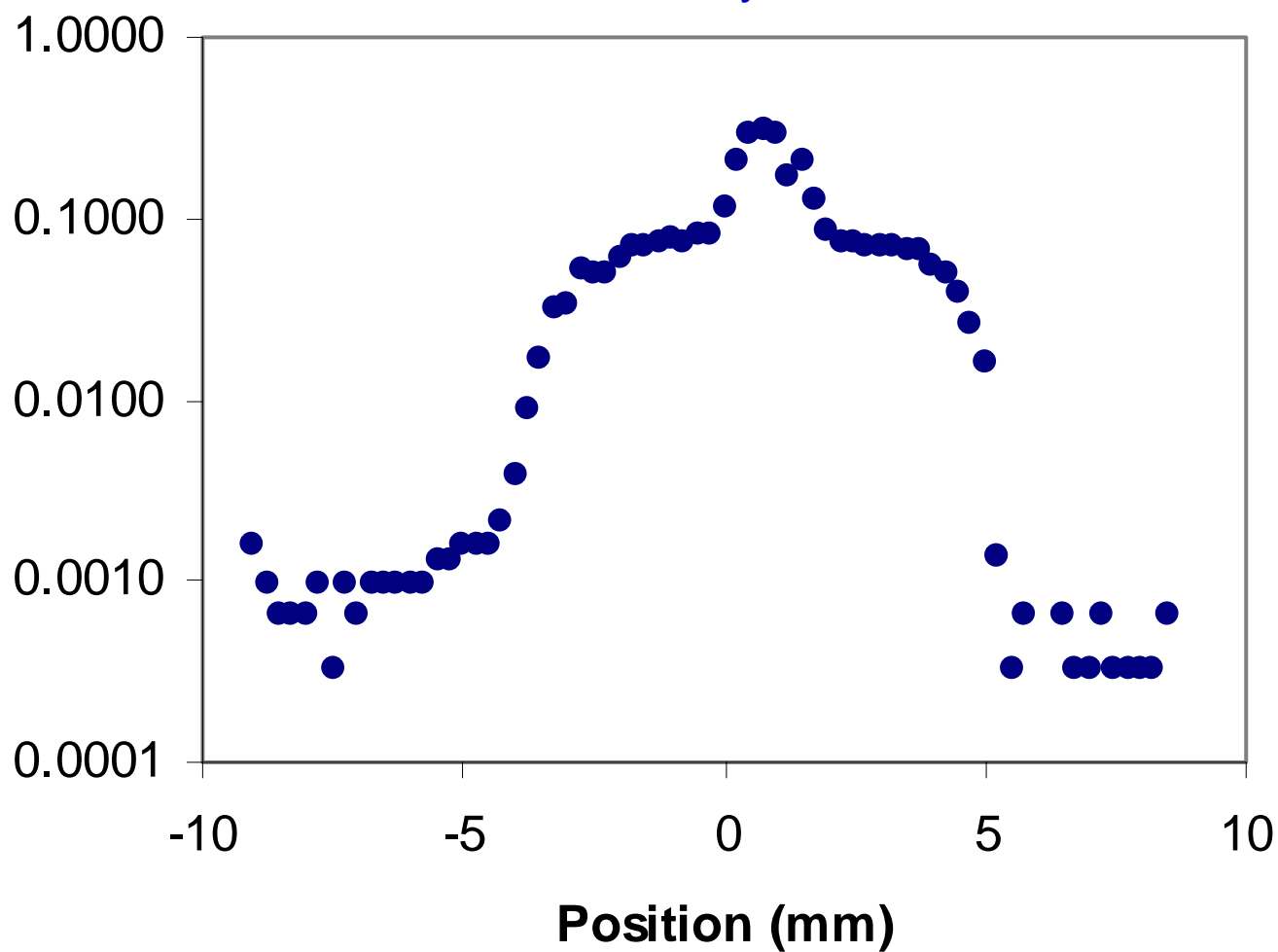
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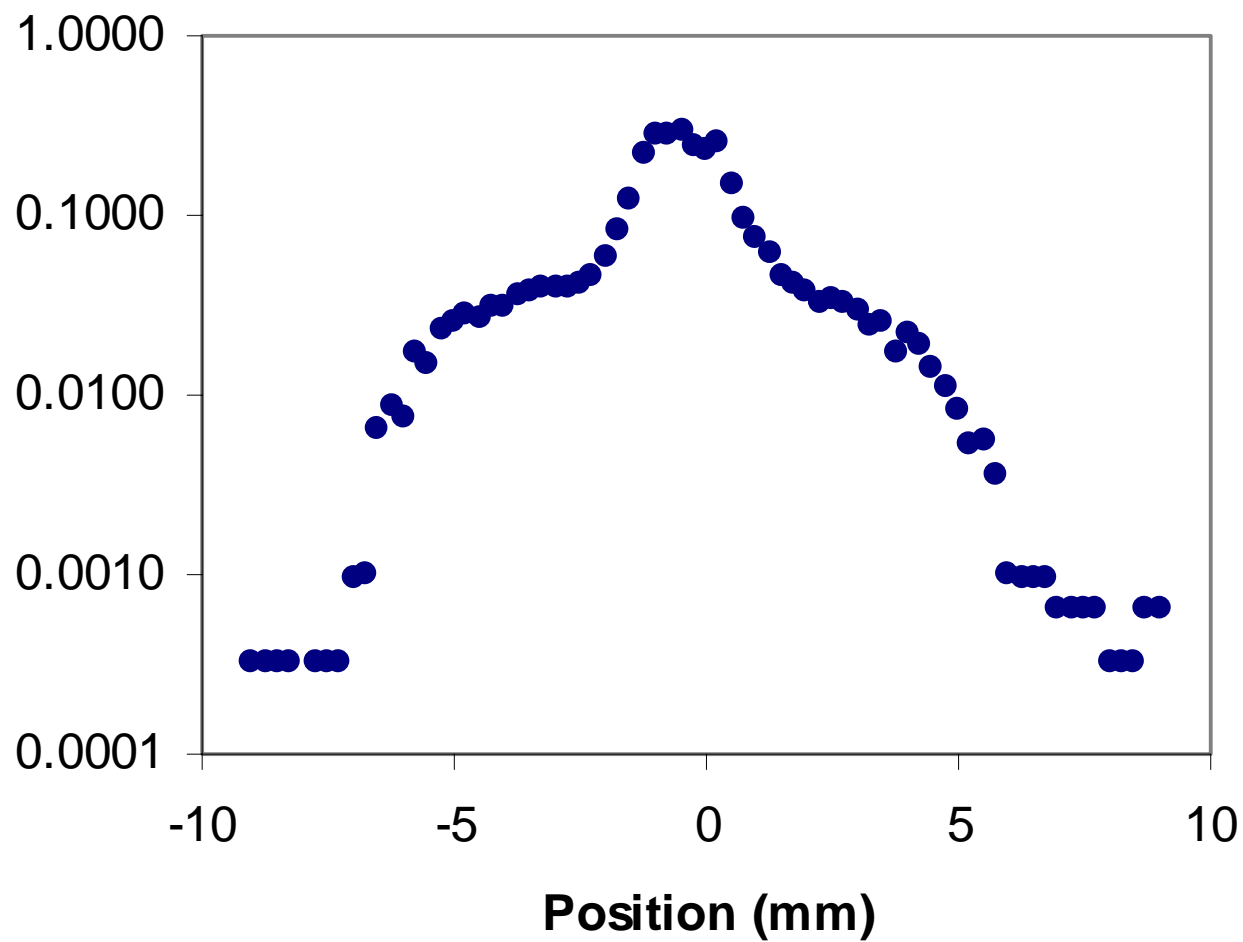
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# Y Axis Beam Profile scanner 51-75mA- $\mu=1.5$

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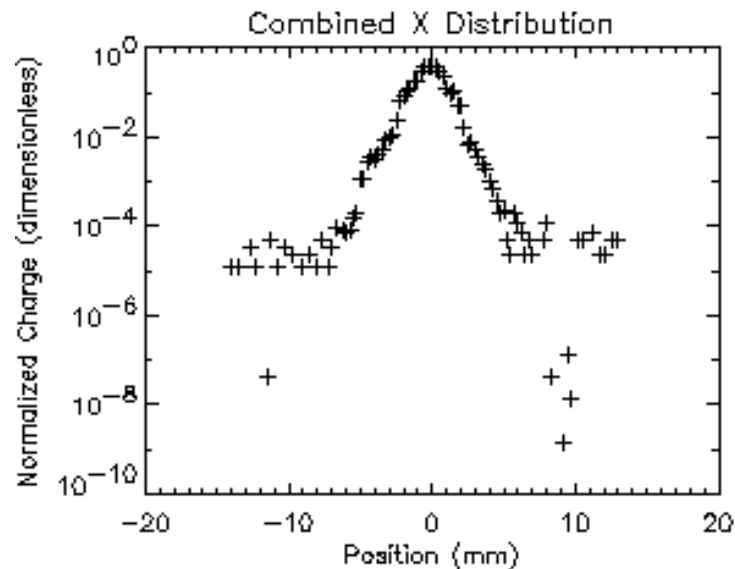
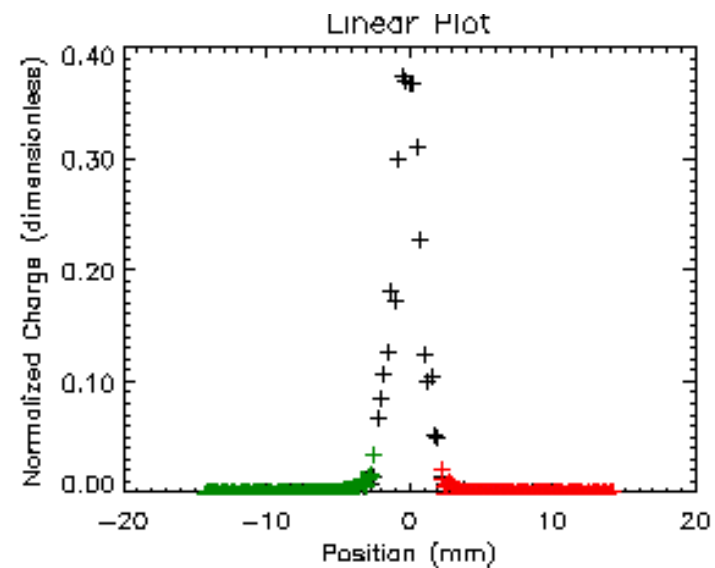
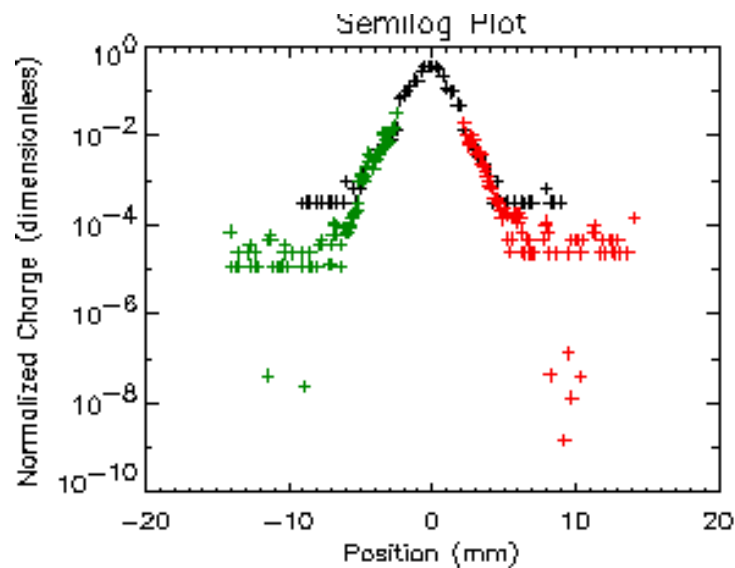


## Joining of Wire and Scraper Data

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- Scraper data are smoothed and spatially differentiated to transform data to wire-like data.
- Spatial alignment of the data sets is determined from measured relative positions of wire and scrapers.
- Intensity alignment of data is set by overlapping data from the same spatial region.
- We are using a computer automated procedure.

# Matched beam-75 mA-scanner 22x



Calculated Moments of the Combined Distribution

File: /u2/optdvl/wsha\_data/2001\_May\_1\_12\_03\_z22.rwa

Mean: -0.18916775 mm

Std Dev: 1.0731855 mm

Skew: -0.027398907

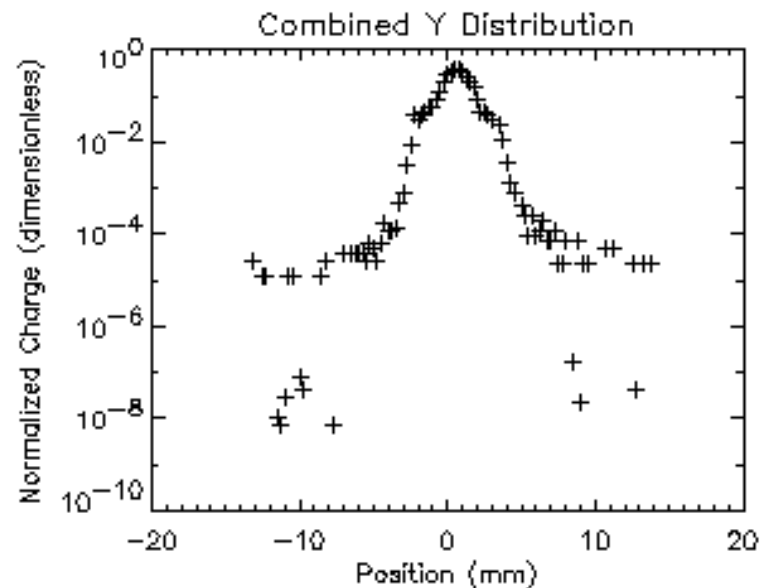
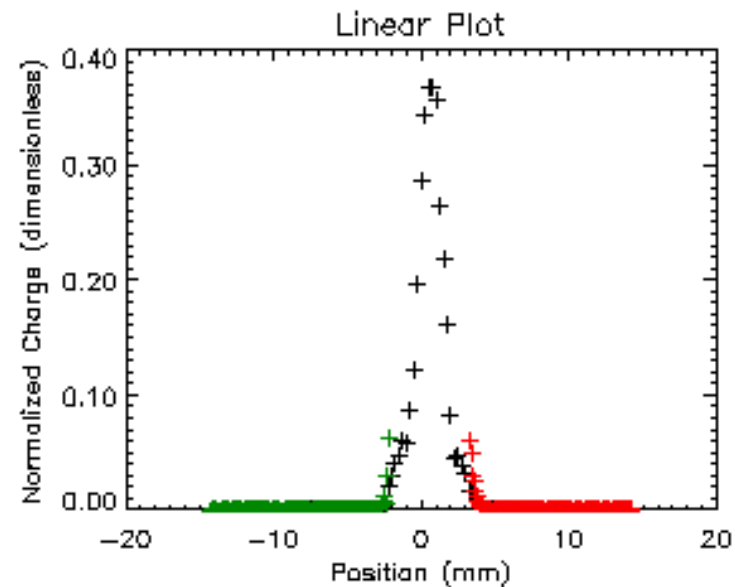
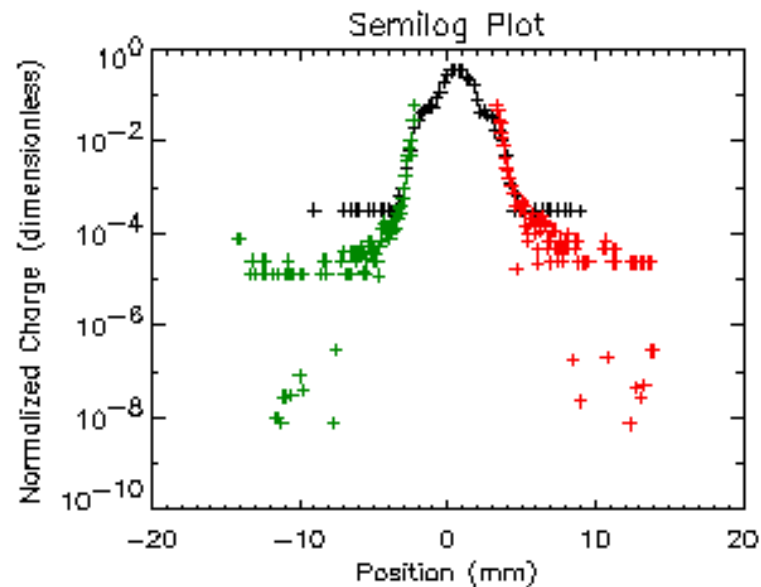
Kurtosis - 2: 0.89974070

Where Signal to Noise > 2.5

Negative halo scraper -6.08280 mm

Positive halo scraper 6.08470 mm

# Matched beam-75 mA-scanner 22y



Calculated Moments of the Combined Distribution

File: /u2/aptdvl/wsha\_data/2001\_May\_1\_12\_03\_z22.rwa

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Std Dev: 1.0635061 mm

Skew: -0.39830483

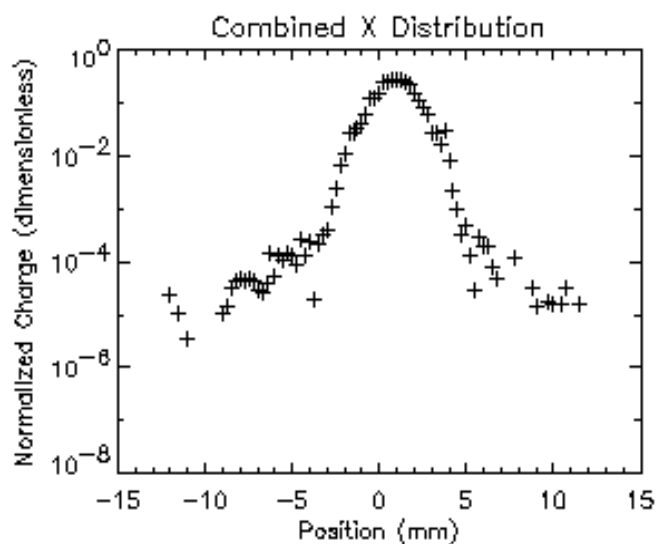
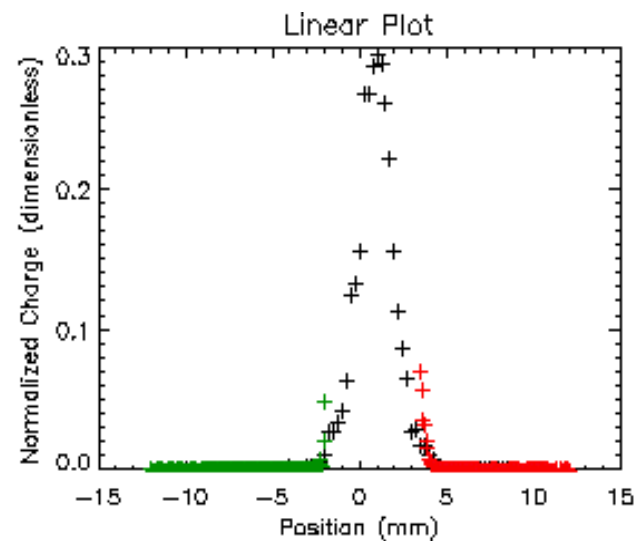
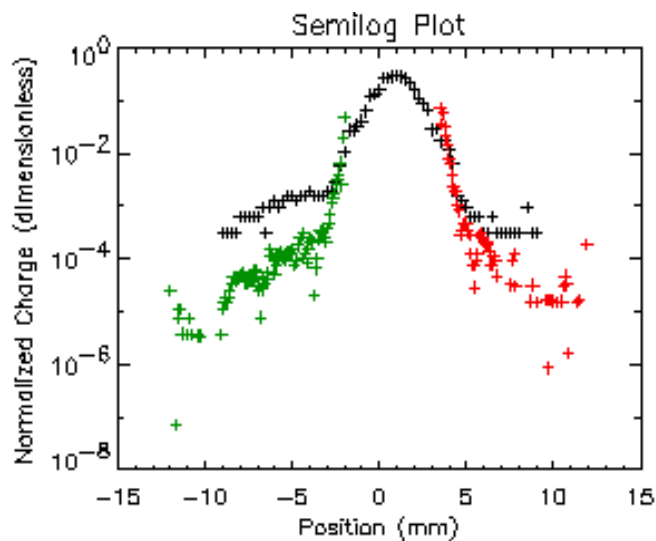
Kurtosis - 2: -3.2343016

Where Signal to Noise > 2.5

Negative halo scraper -6.40870 mm

Positive halo scraper 7.16340 mm

# Matched beam - 75 mA - scanner 51x



Calculated Moments of the Combined Distribution

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Std Dev: 1.1019562 mm

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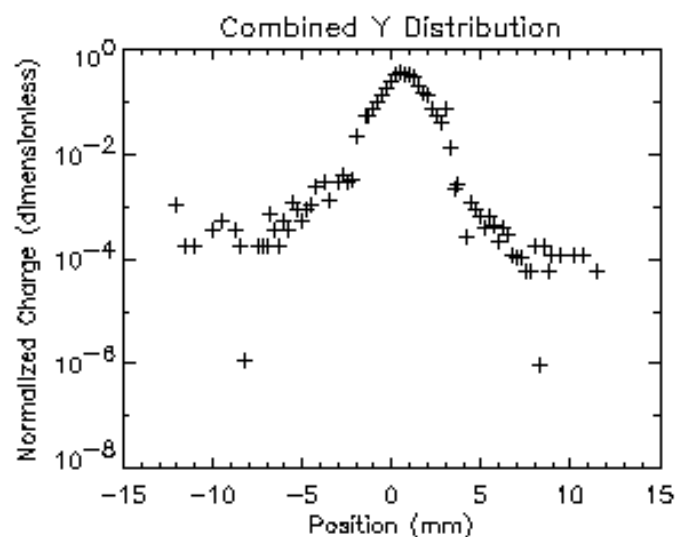
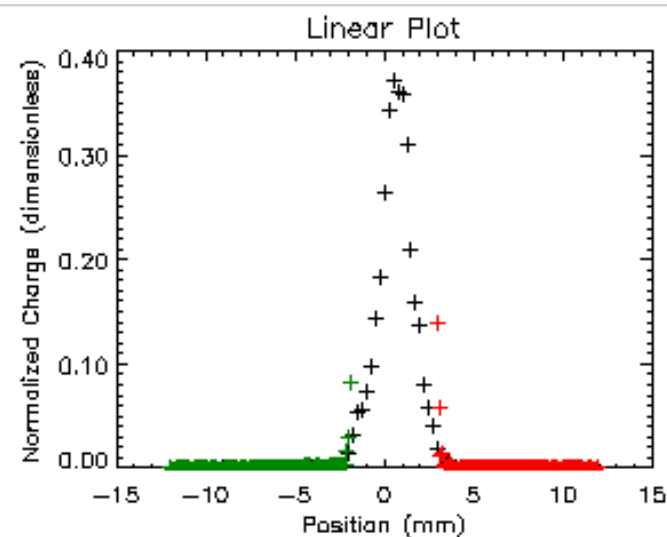
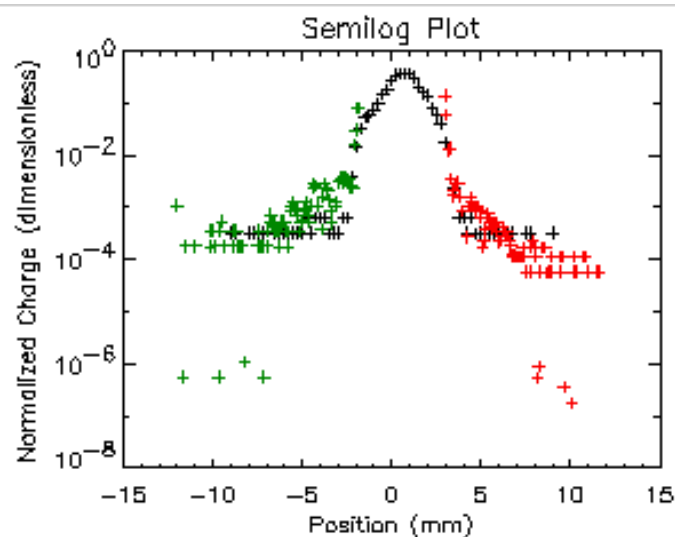
Kurtosis - 2: 1.3098605

Where Signal to Noise > 2.5

Negative halo scraper -8.32410 mm

Positive halo scraper 5.82570 mm

# Matched beam 75 mA scanner 51y



Calculated Moments of the Combined Distribution

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Mean: 0.69343749 mm

Std Dev: 1.0983191 mm

Skew: -0.76466297

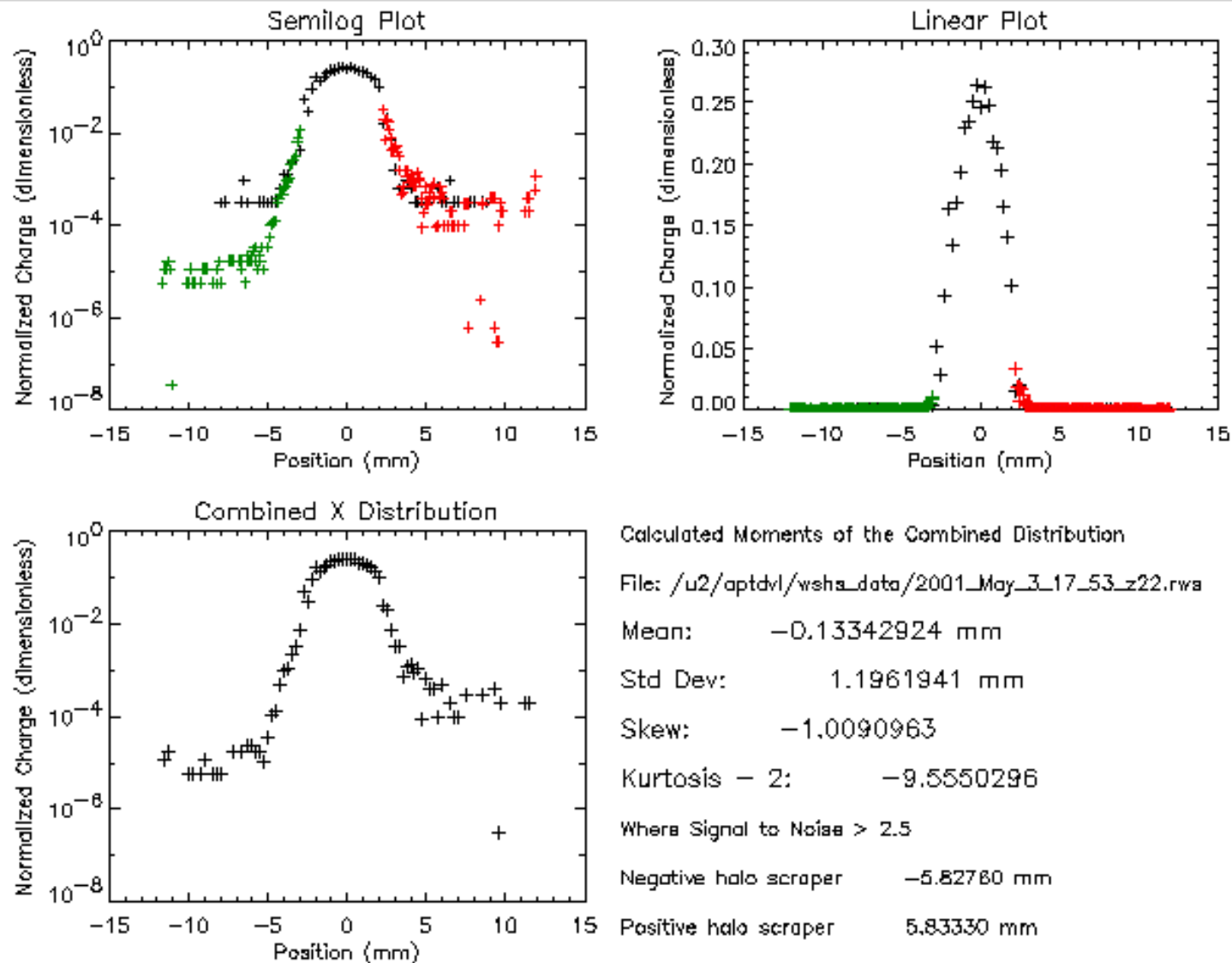
Kurtosis - 2: 8.9605916

Where Signal to Noise > 2.5

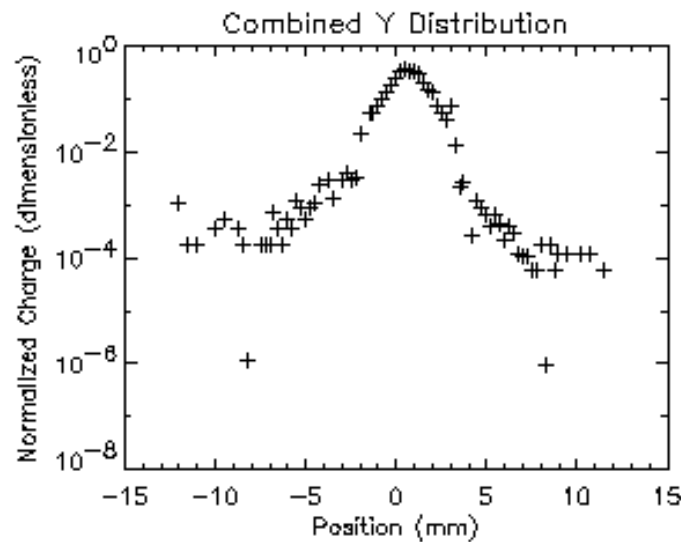
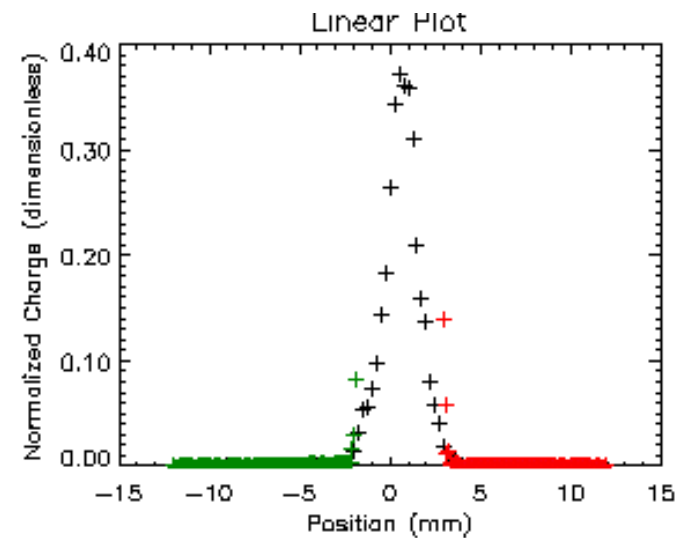
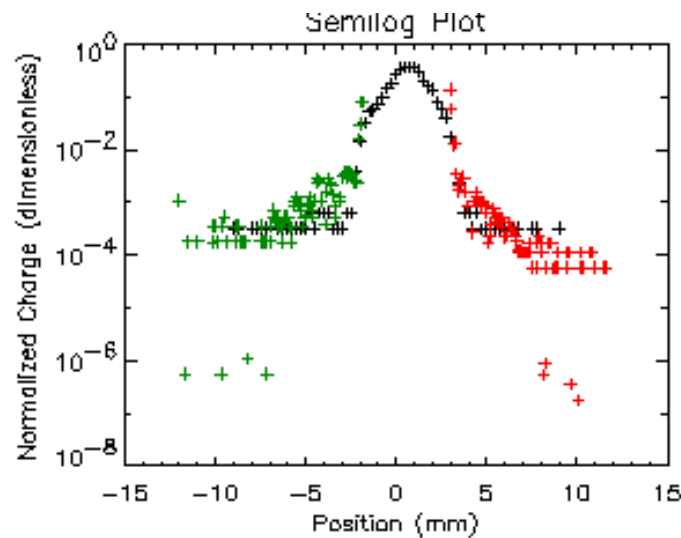
Negative halo scraper -6.74990 mm

Positive halo scraper 7.82430 mm

# Mismatched beam ( $\mu=1.5$ )-75 mA-scanner 22x



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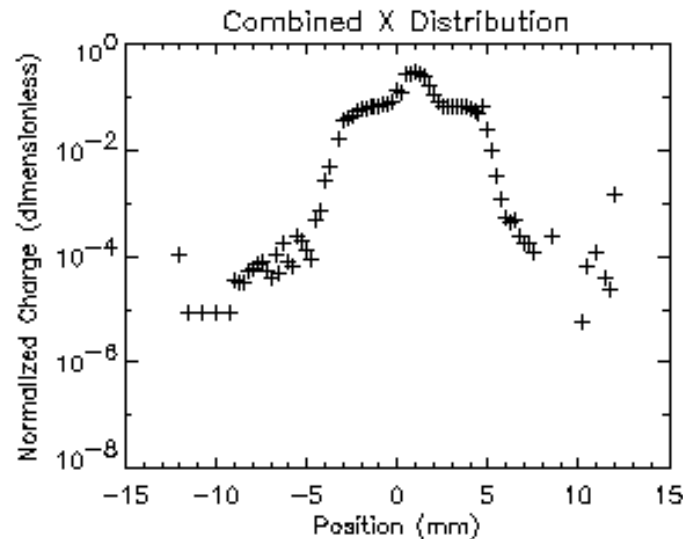
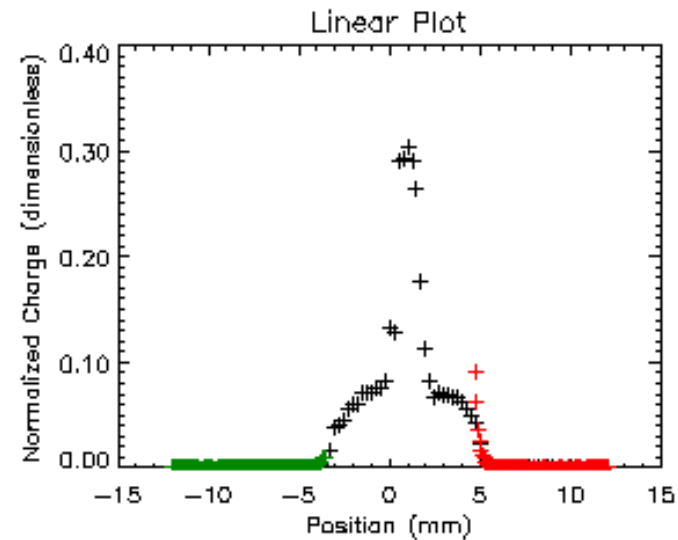
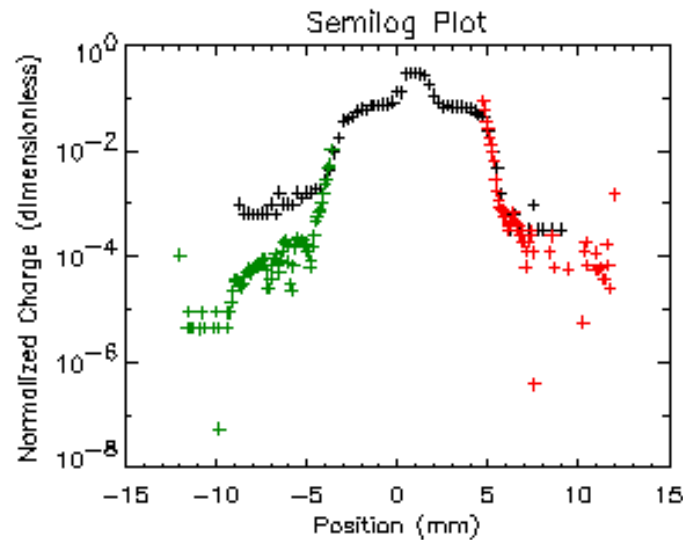
Where Signal to Noise > 2.5

Negative halo scraper -6.74990 mm

Positive halo scraper 7.82430 mm



# Mismatched beam ( $\mu=1.5$ )-75 mA-scanner 51x



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File: /u2/aptdvl/wsha\_data/2001\_May\_3\_21\_34\_z51.rwa

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Std Dev: 1.8190567 mm

Skew: 0.039269982

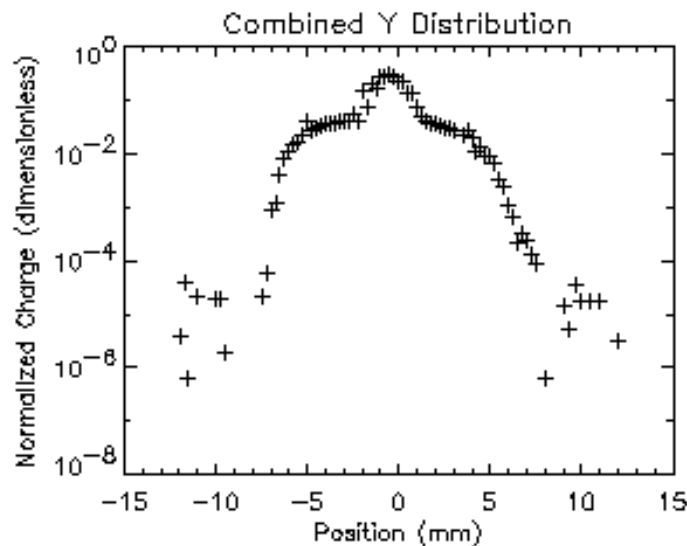
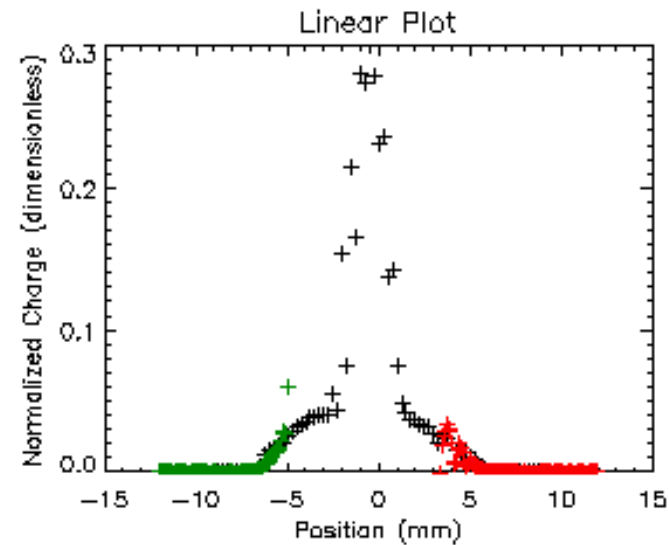
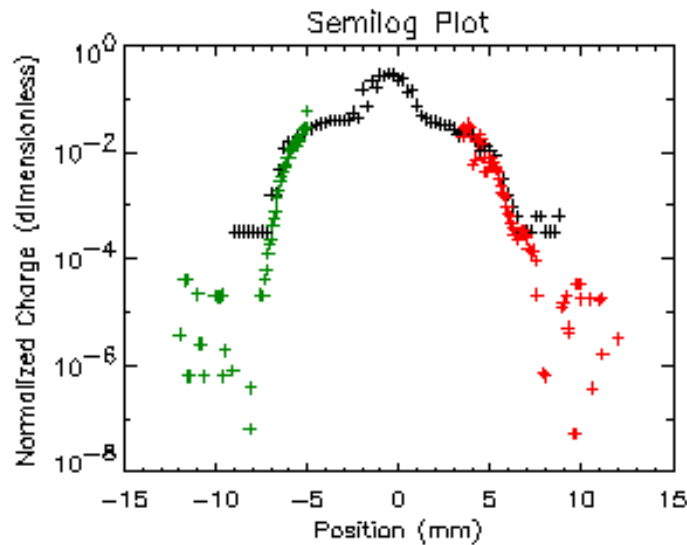
Kurtosis - 2: 1.5899716

Where Signal to Noise > 2.5

Negative halo scraper -8.33130 mm

Positive halo scraper 5.91190 mm

# Mismatched beam ( $\mu=1.5$ )-75 mA-scanner 51y



Calculated Moments of the Combined Distribution

File: /u2/aptdvl/wsha\_data/2001\_May\_3\_21\_34\_z51.rwa

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Skew: -0.084216054

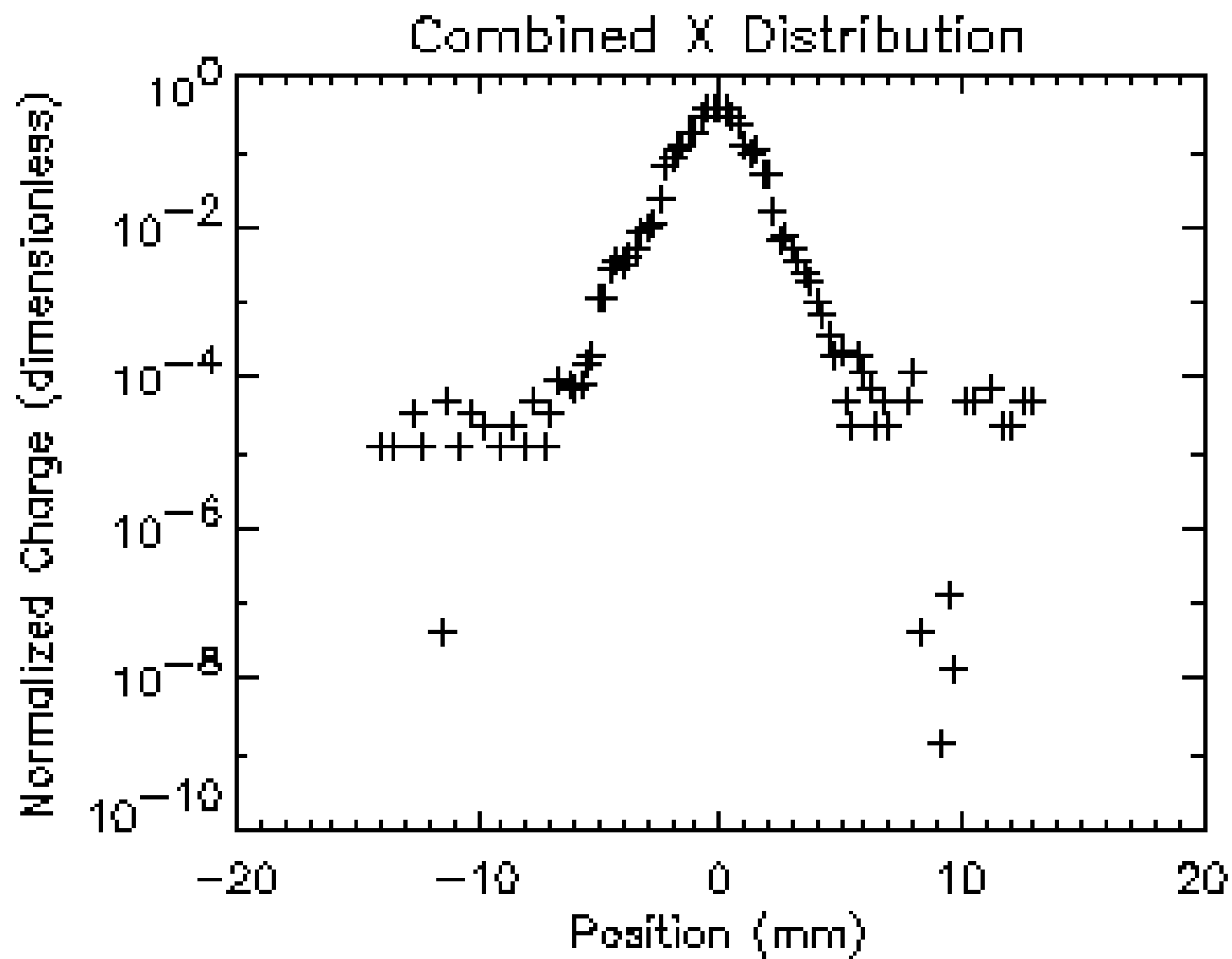
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Where Signal to Noise > 2.5

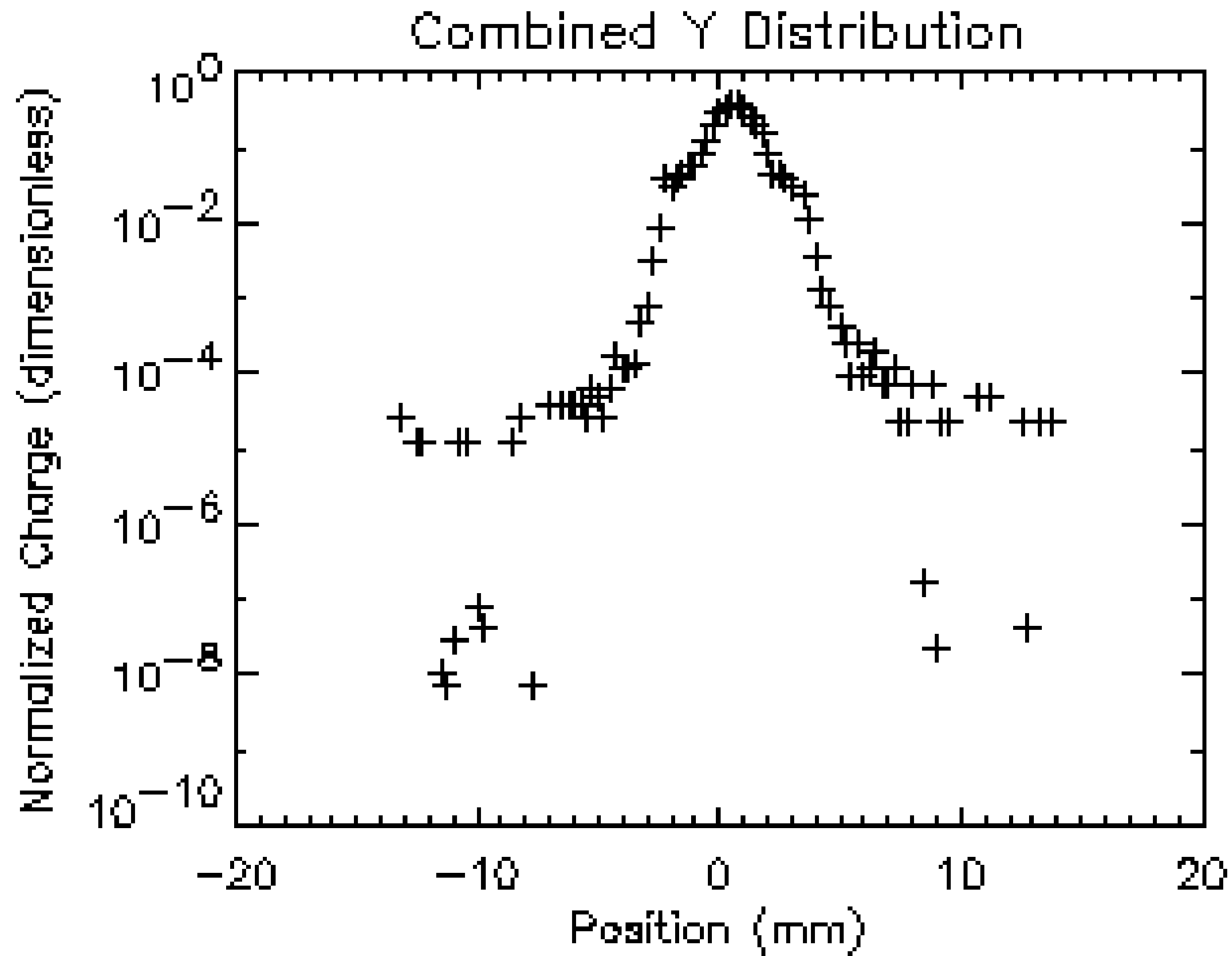
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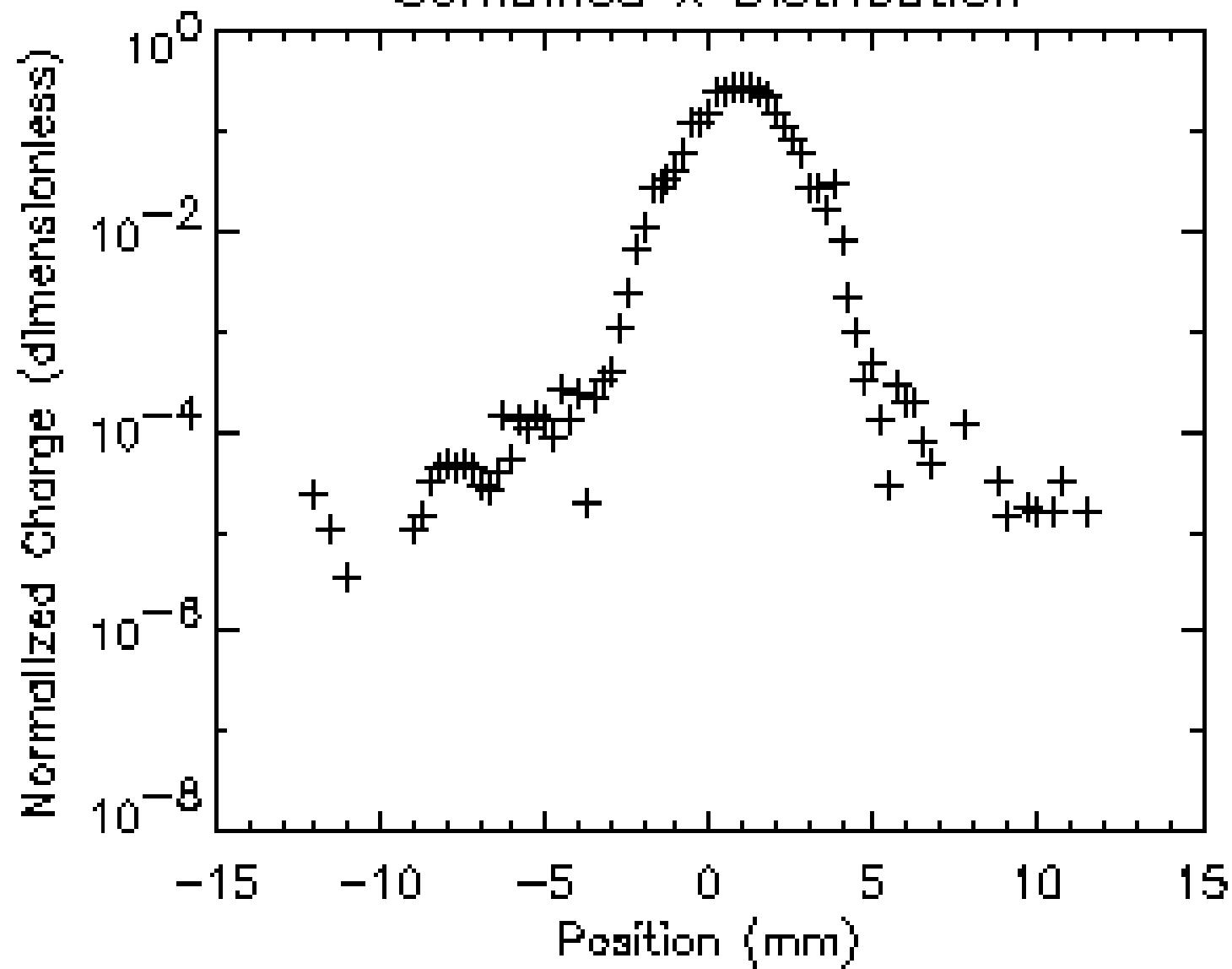


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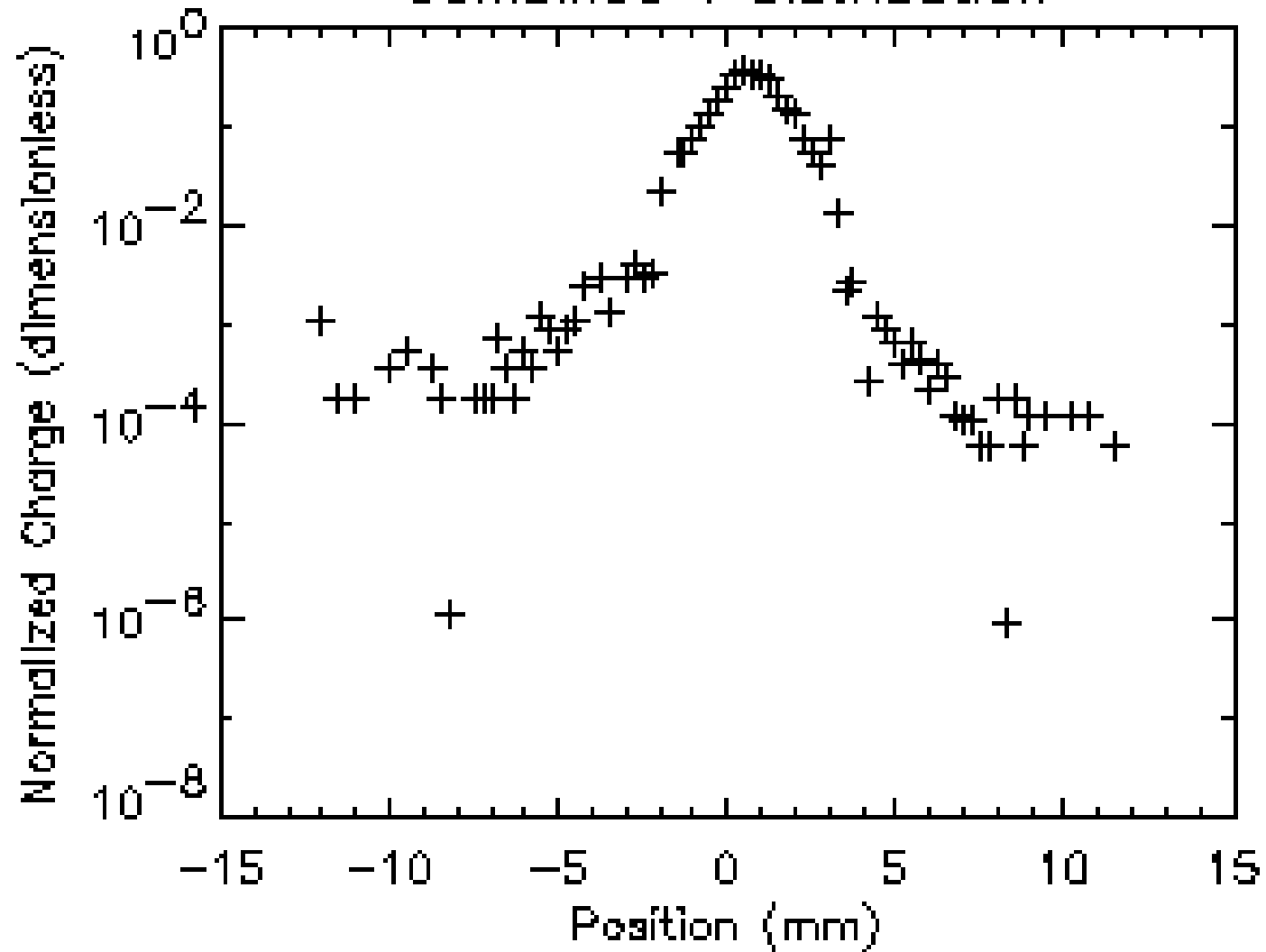
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Combined X Distribution

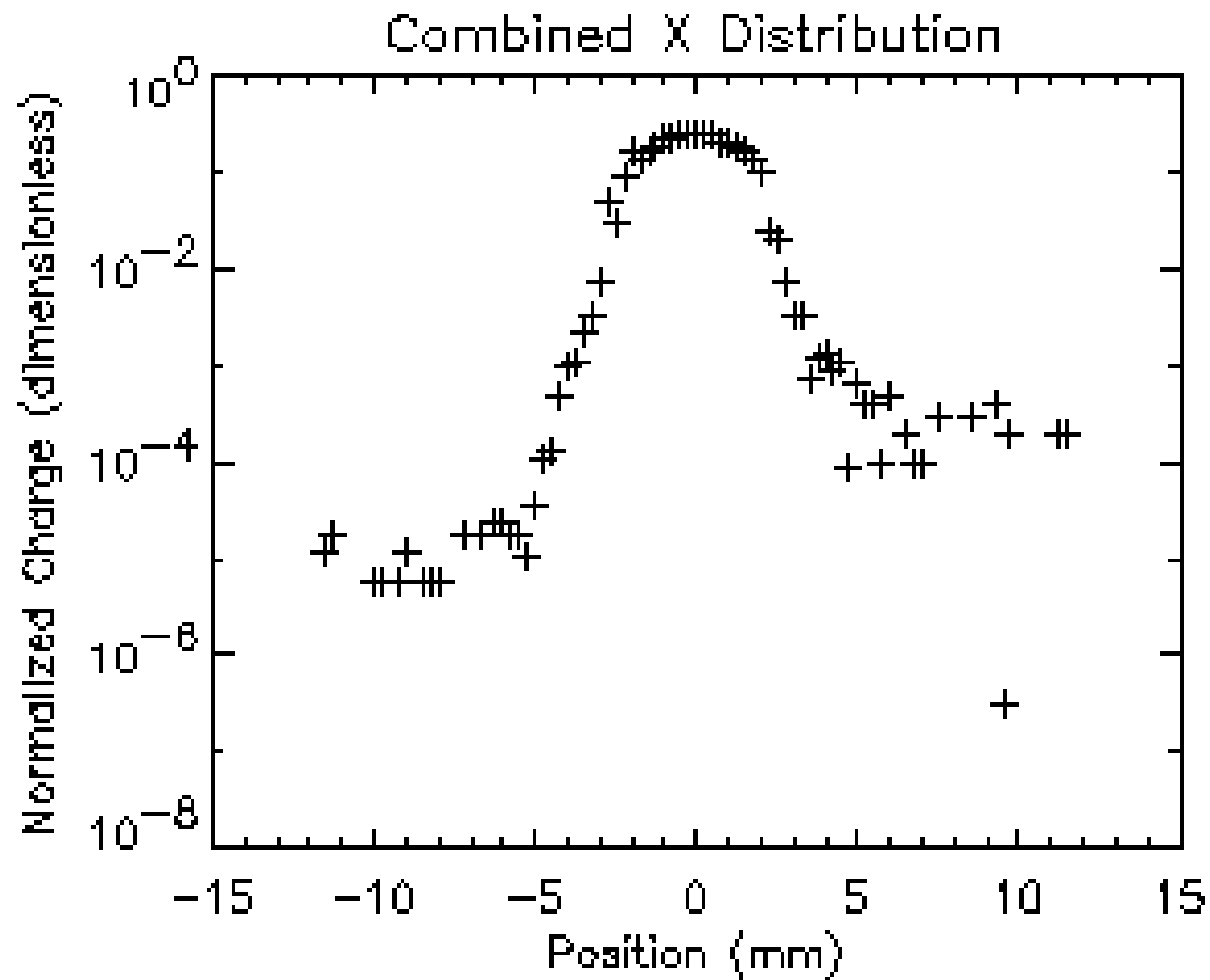


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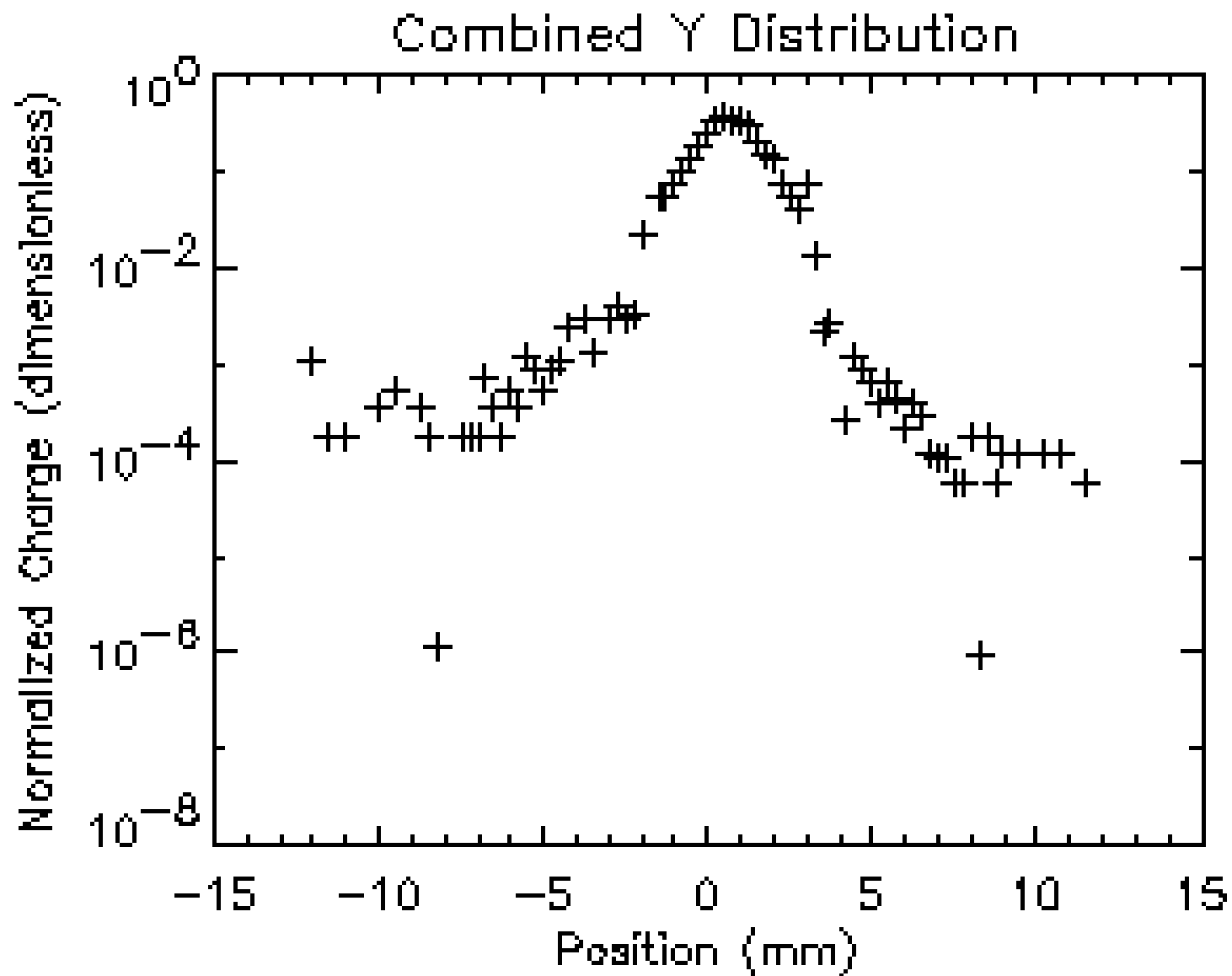
## Combined Y Distribution



## Mismatched beam ( $\mu=1.5$ )-75 mA-scanner 22x

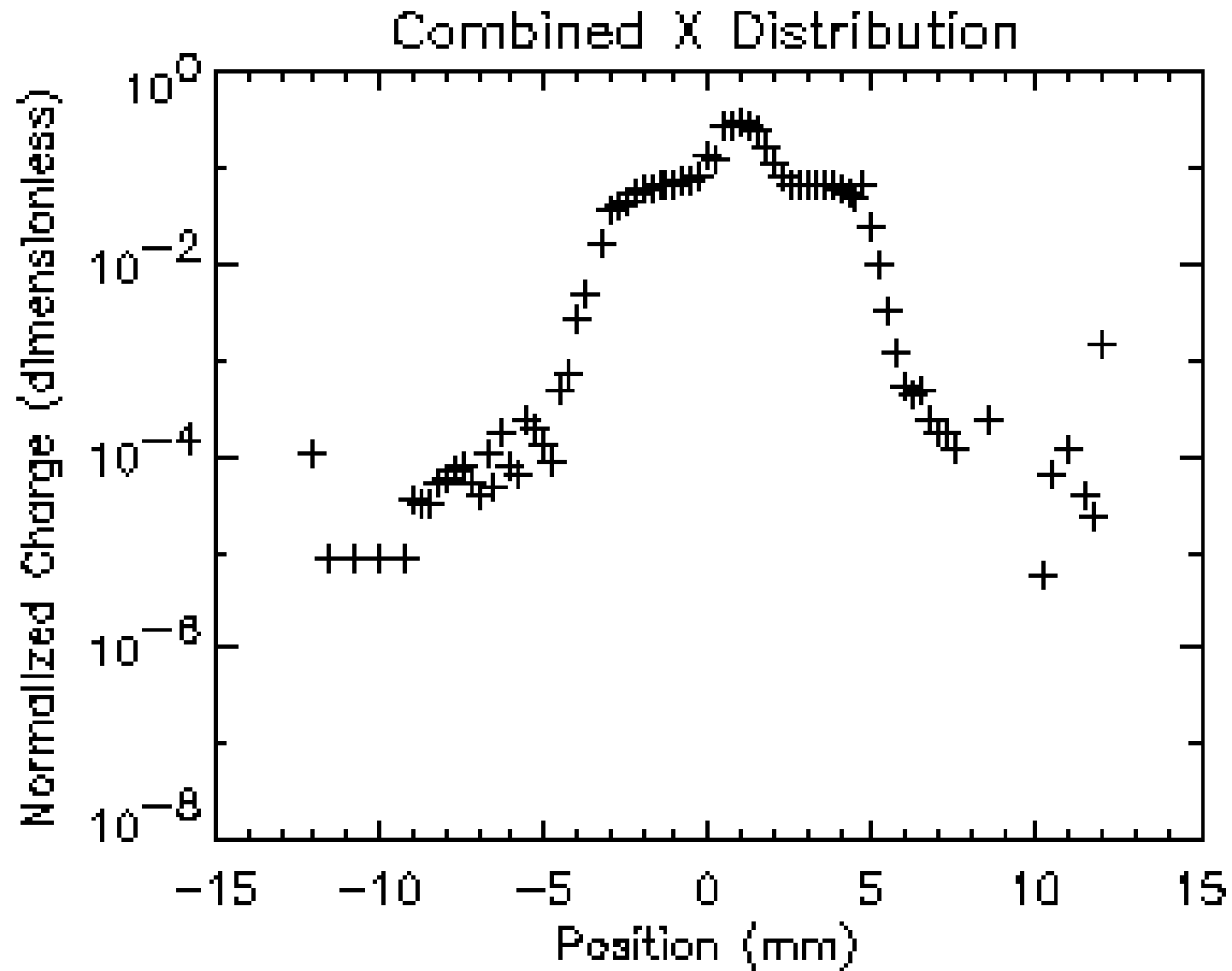


## Mismatched beam ( $\mu=1.5$ )-75 mA-scanner 22y

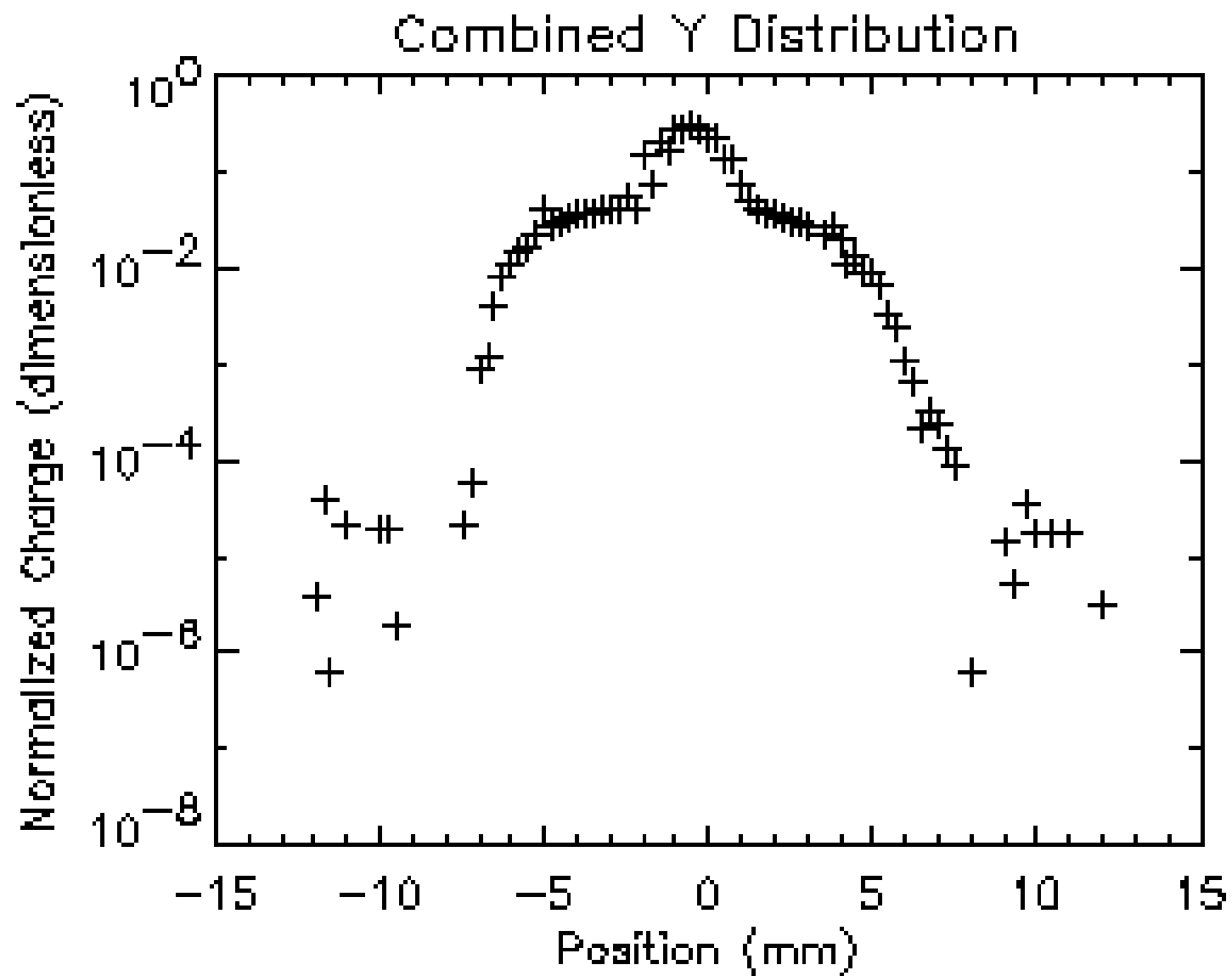


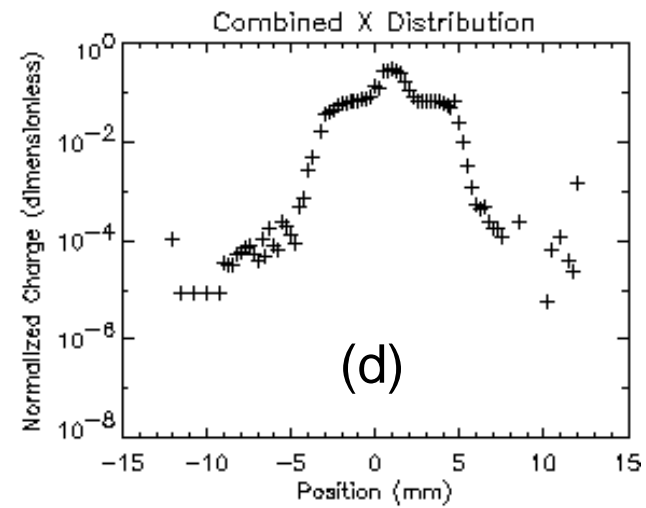
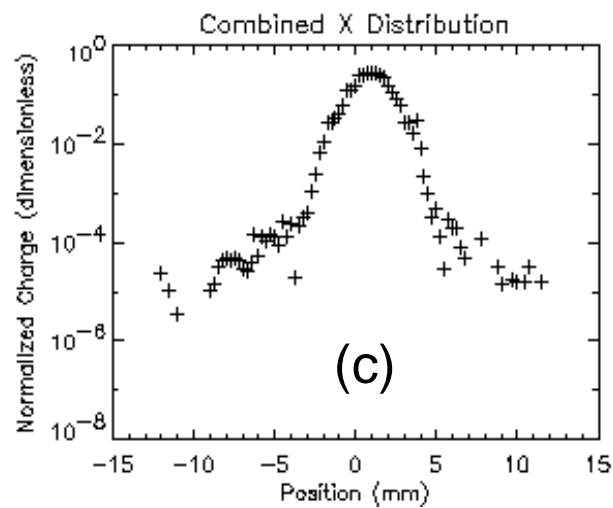
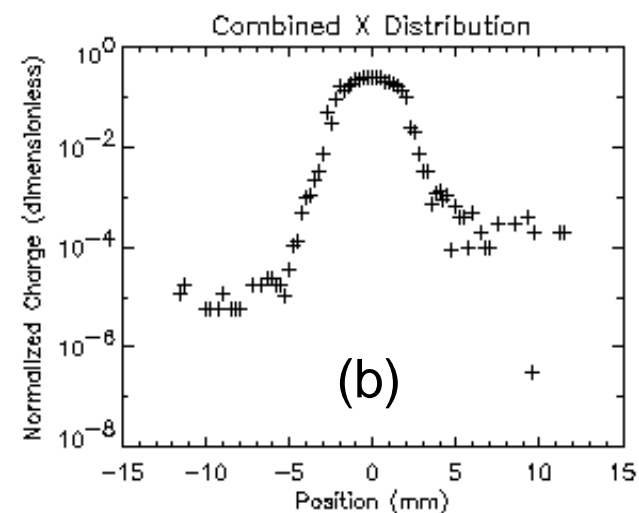
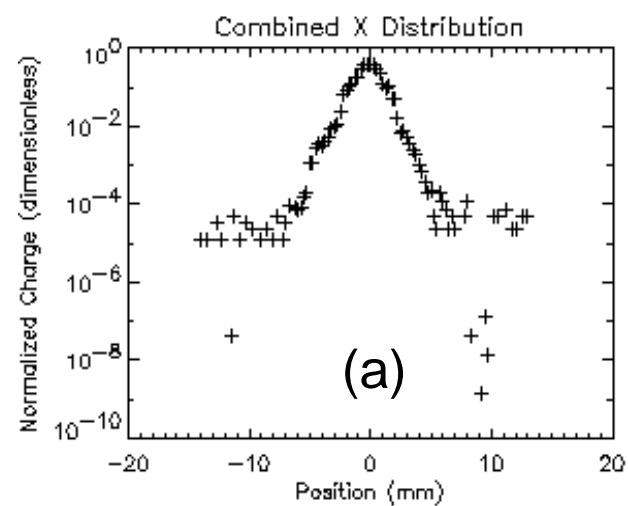


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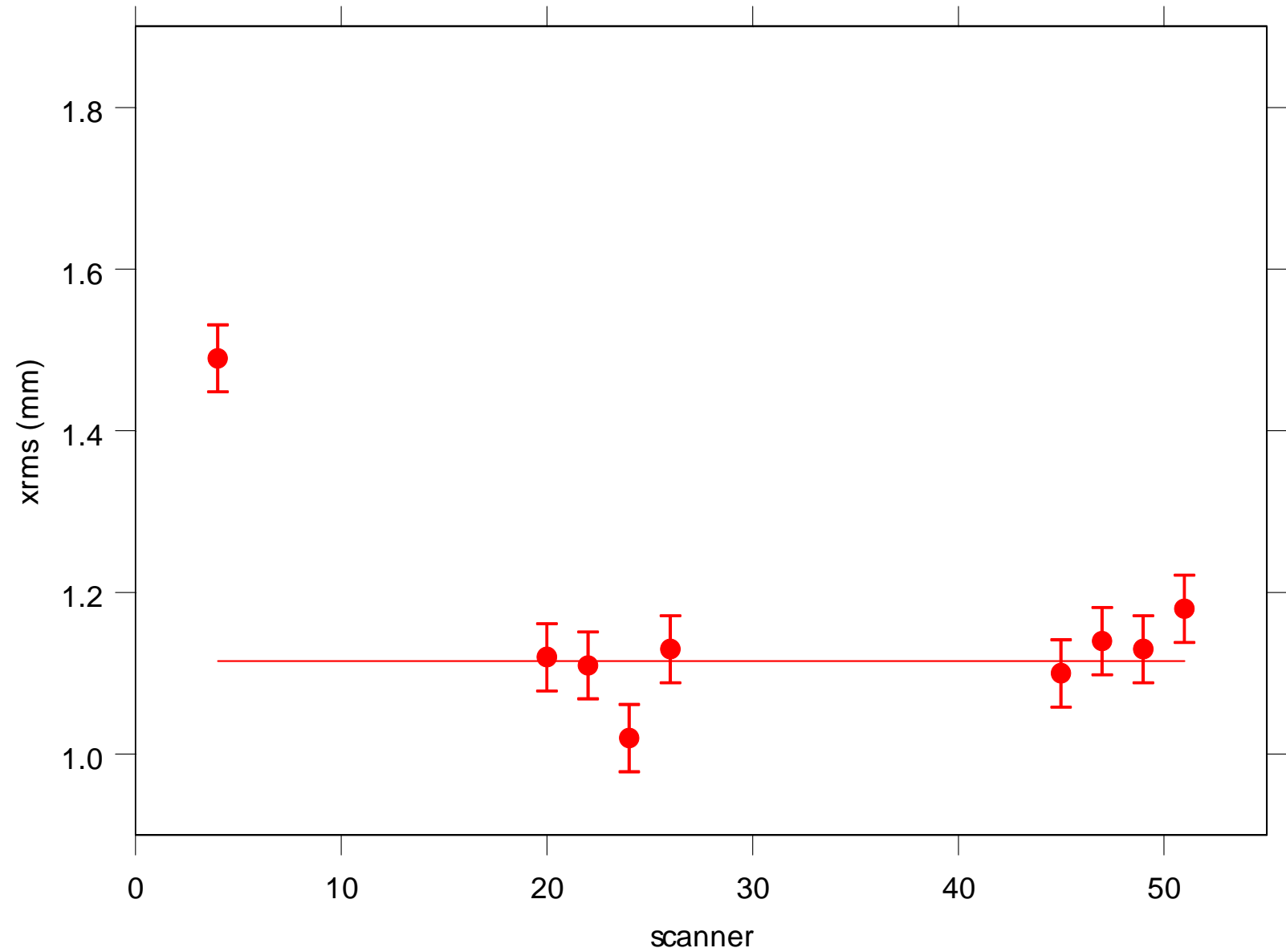


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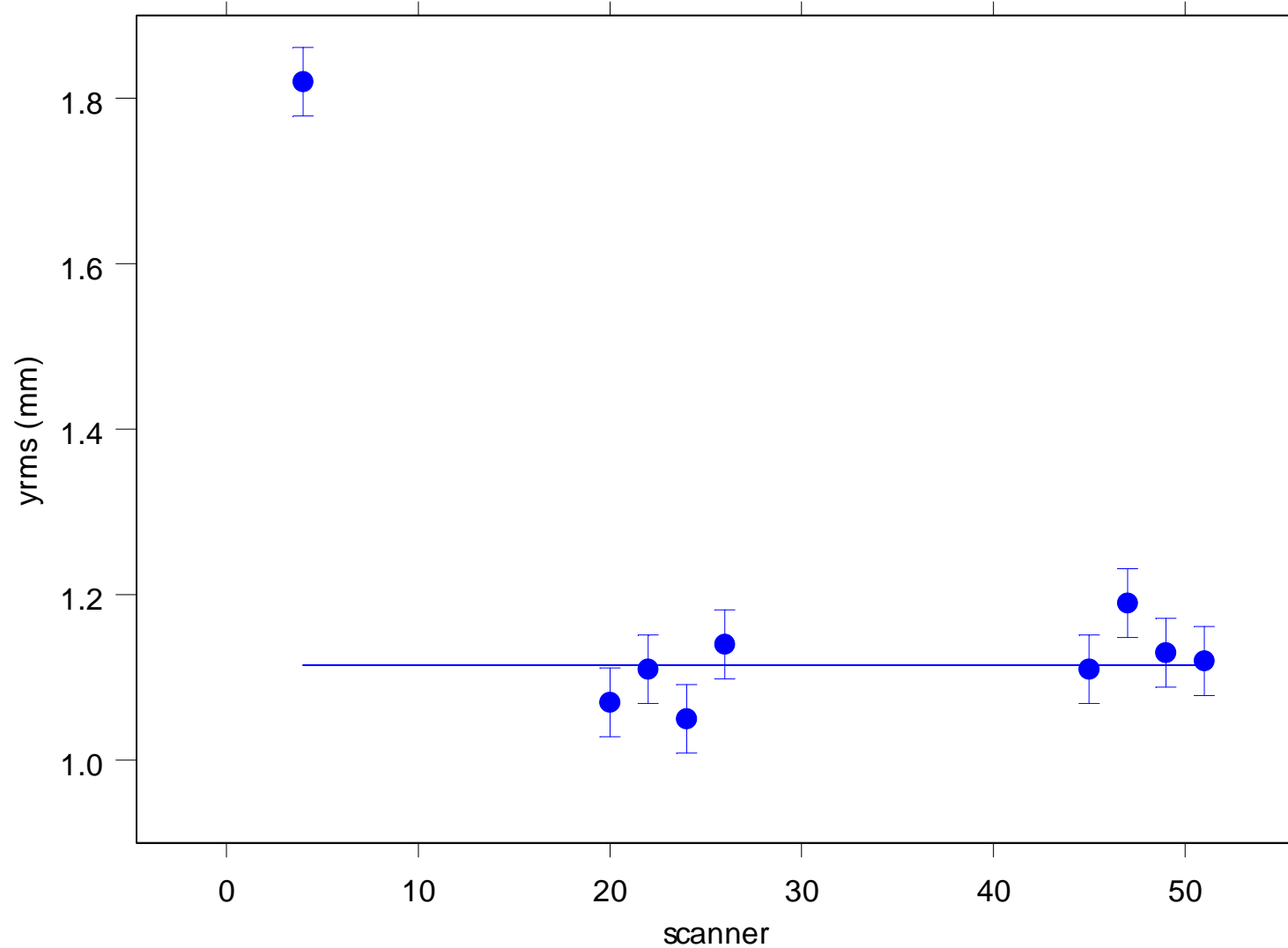




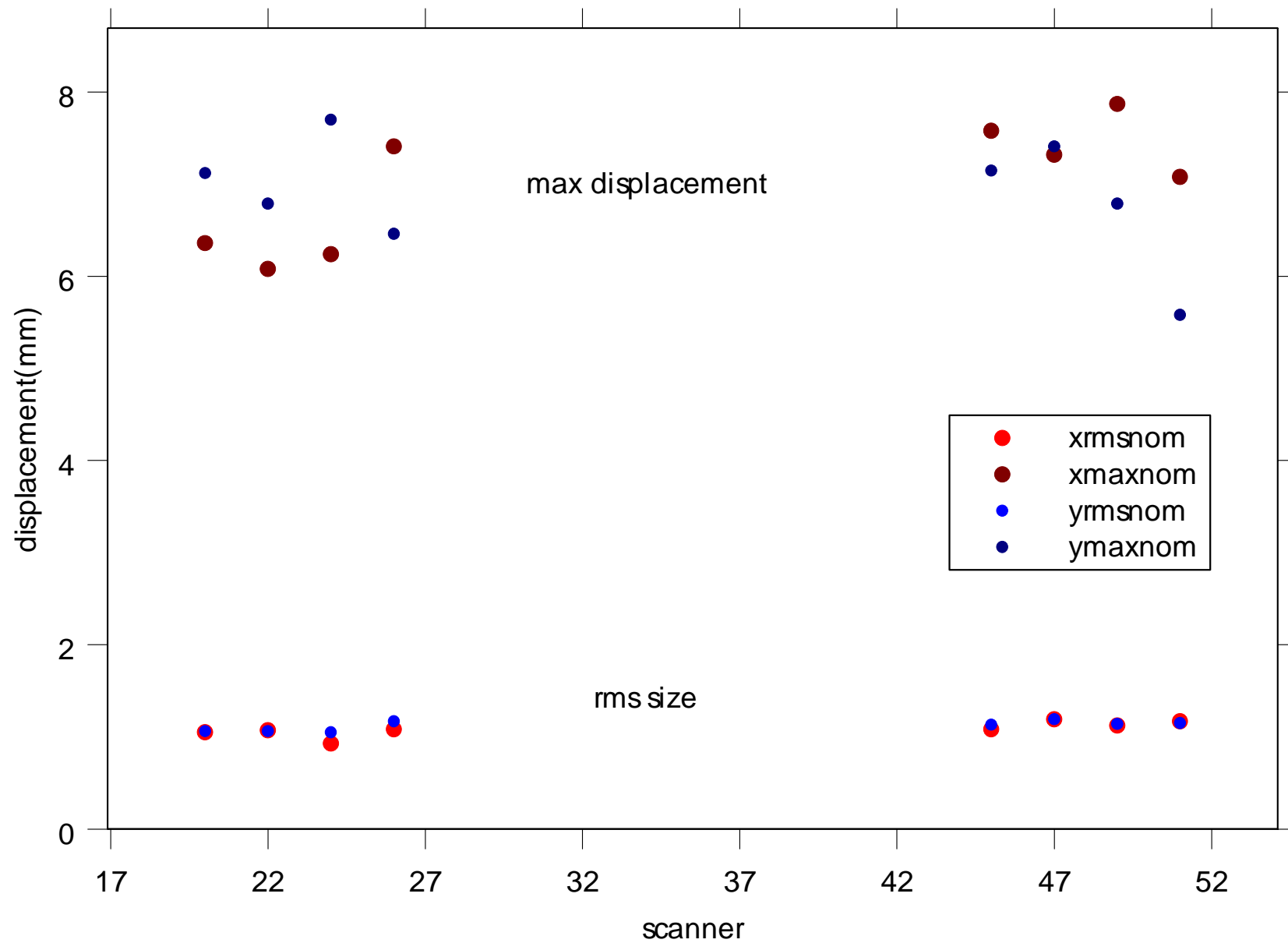
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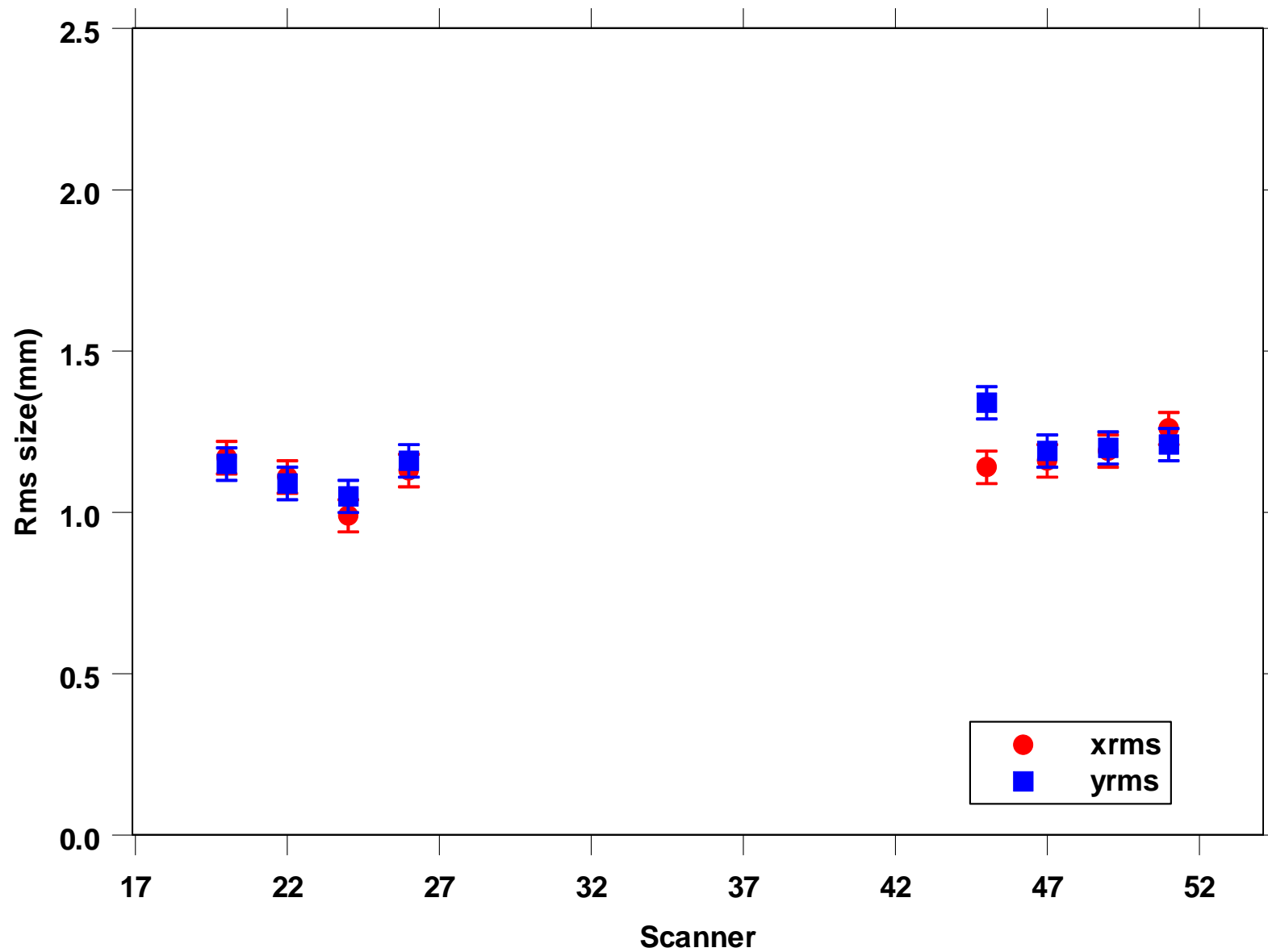
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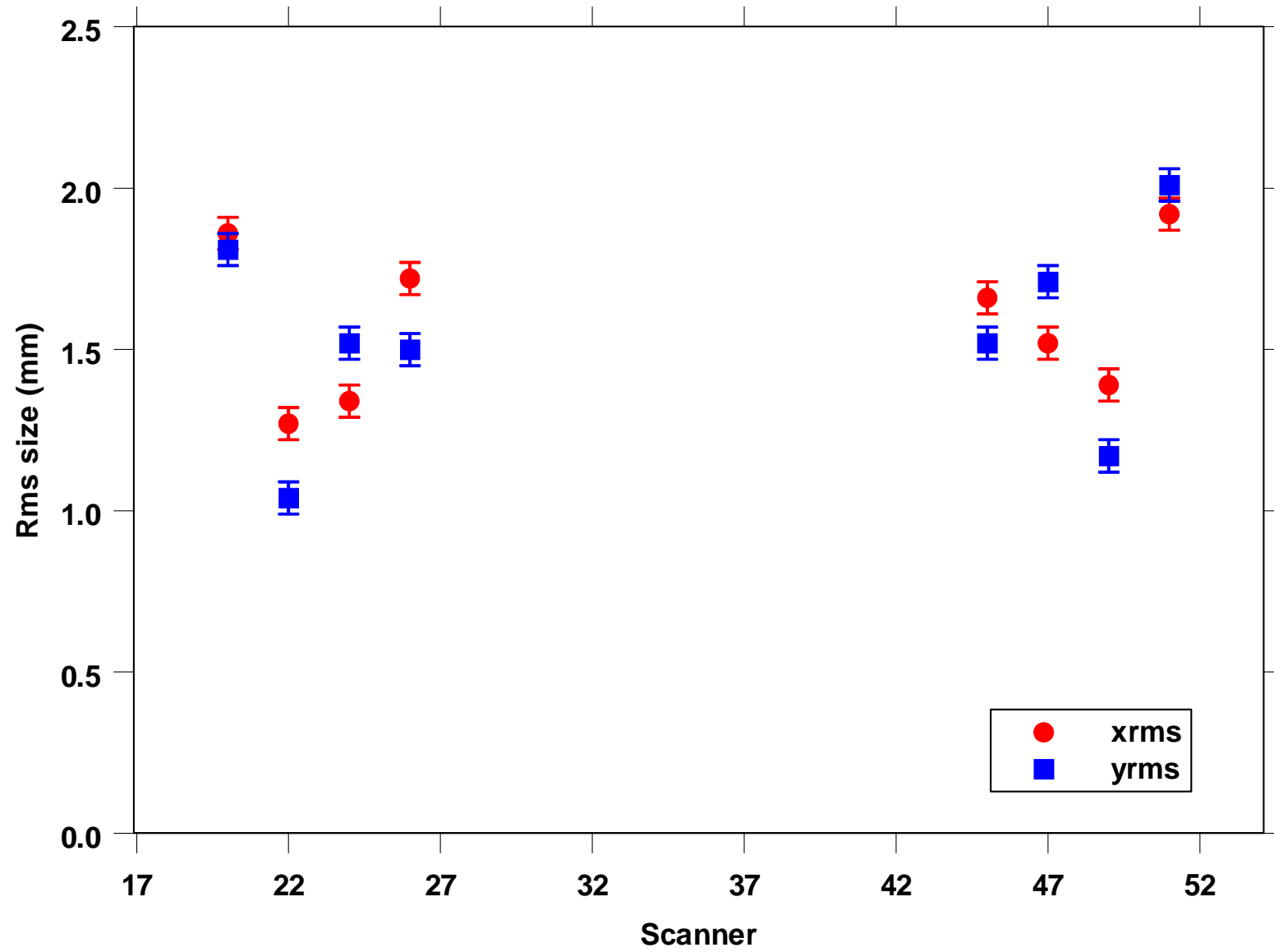
Beam displacements for 75 mA nominal matched tune-May 4



Rms Displacement 75 mA Matched,  $\mu=1.0$

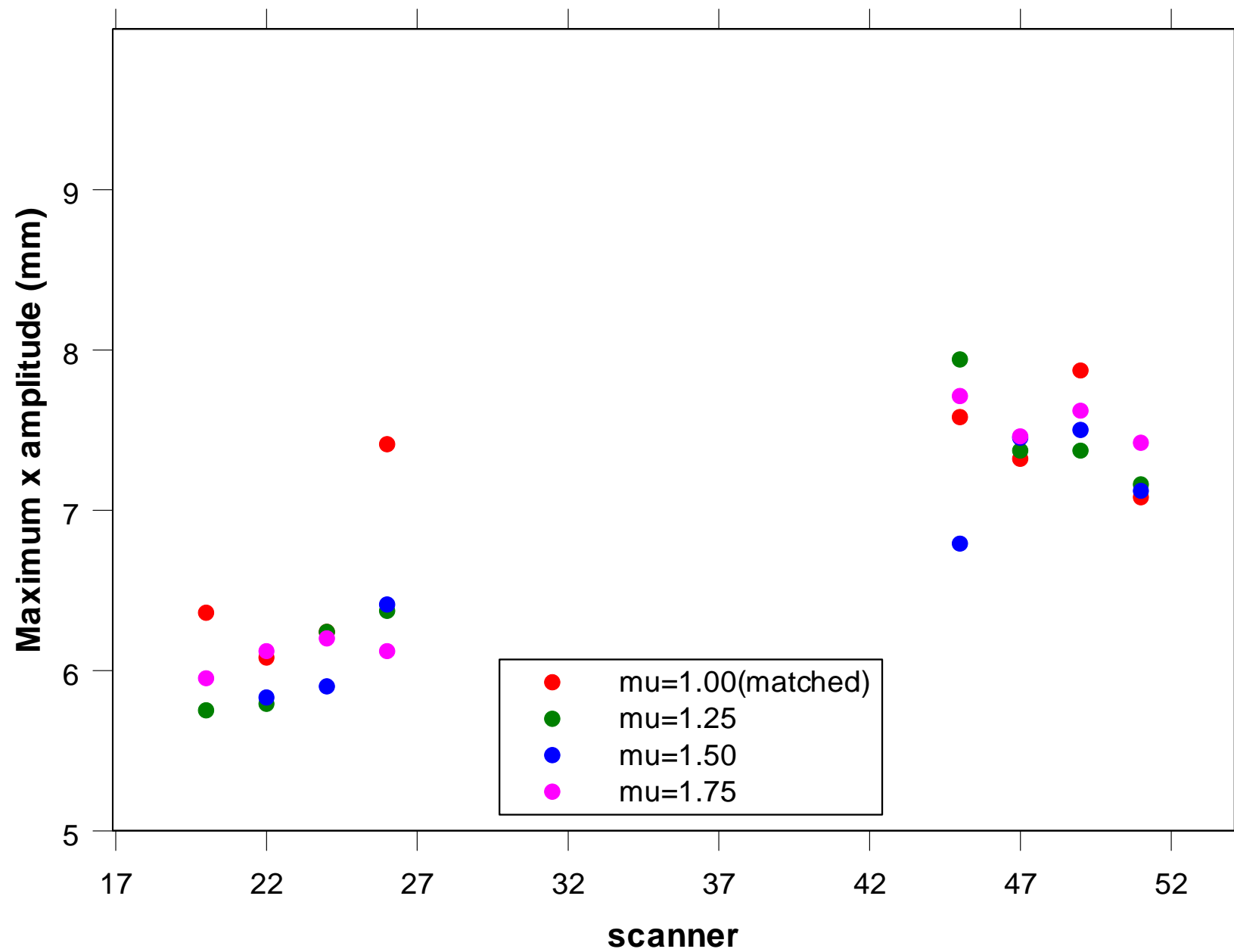


Rms Displacement 75 mA Breathing mode mismatch,  $\mu=1.5$

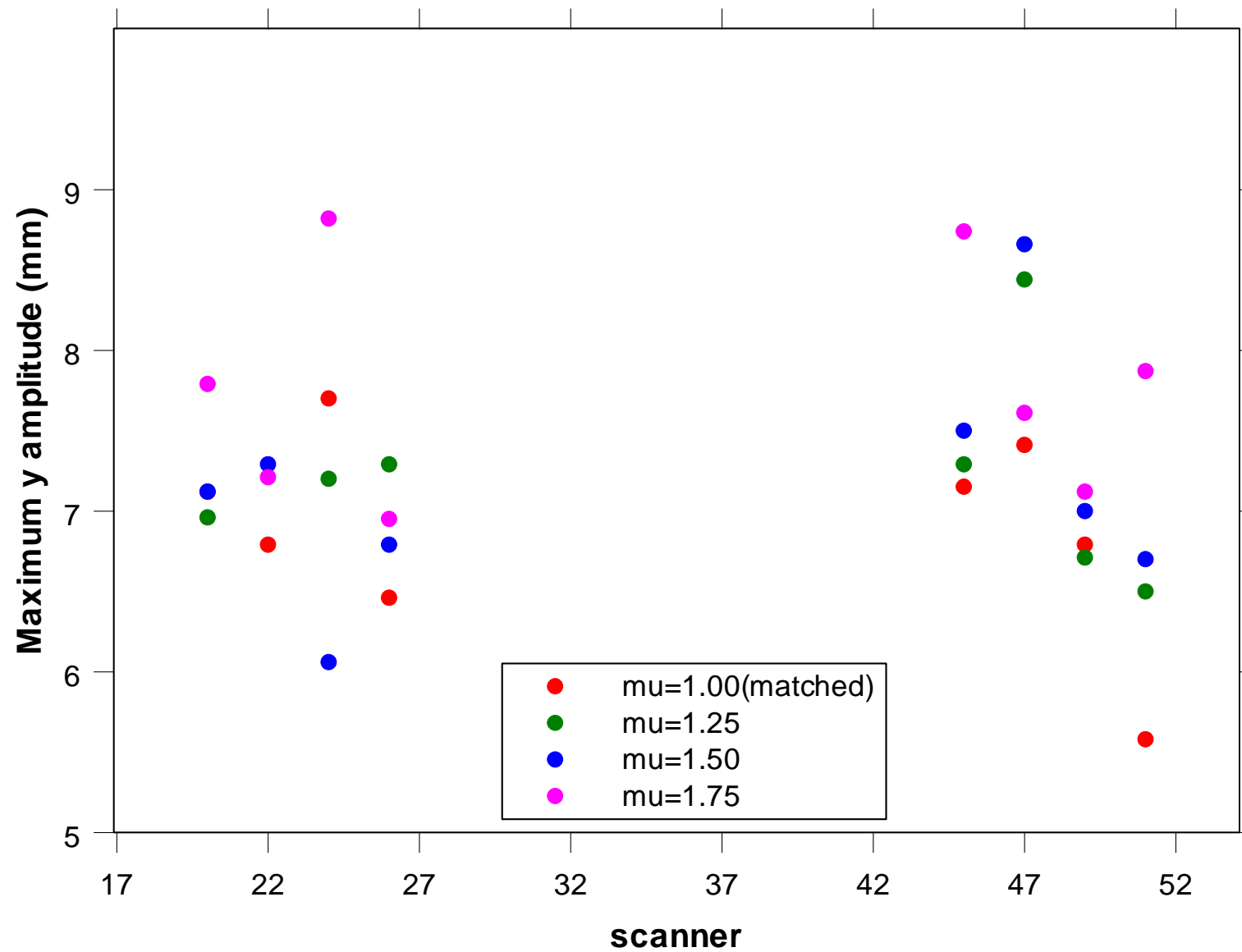




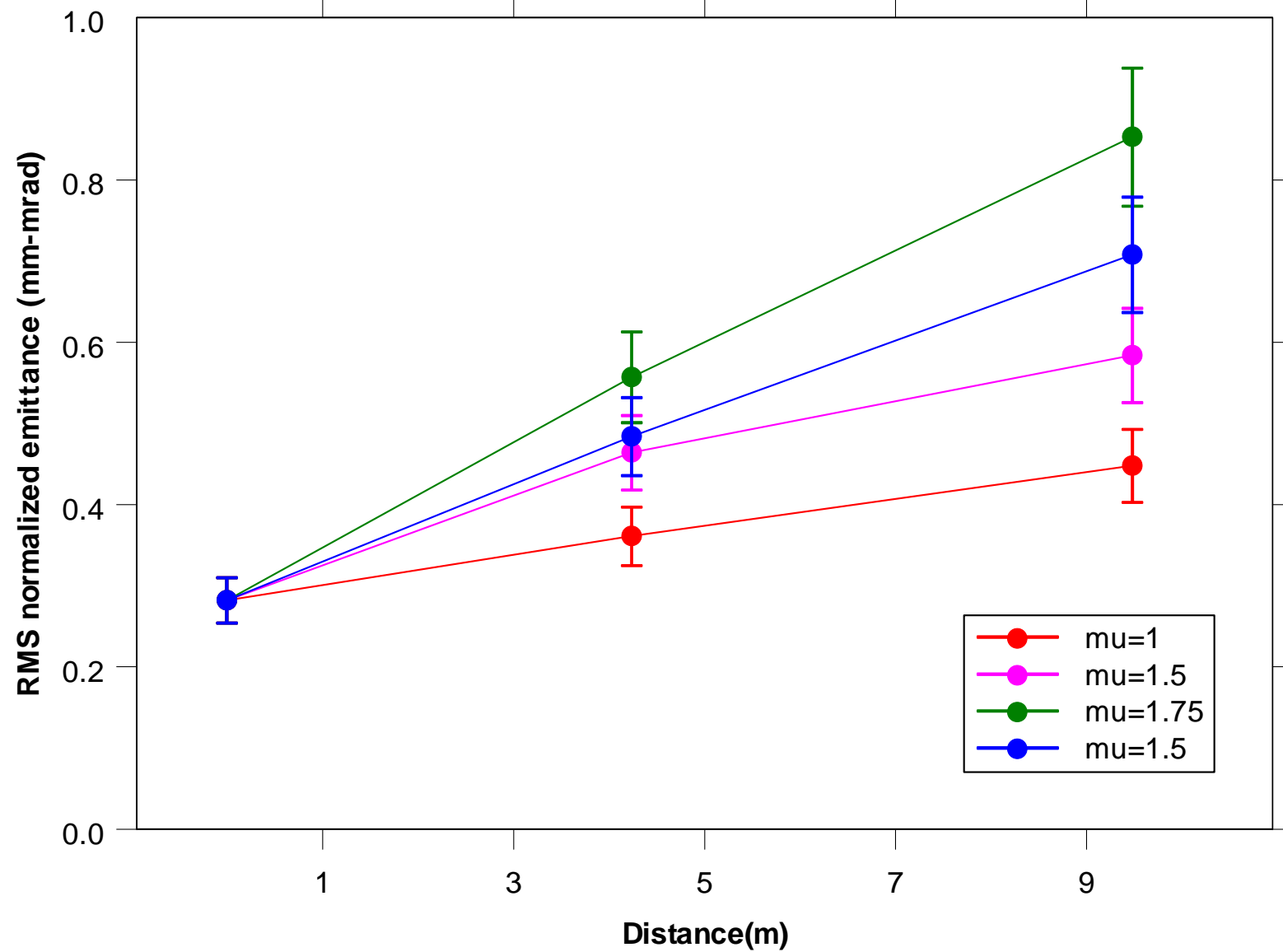
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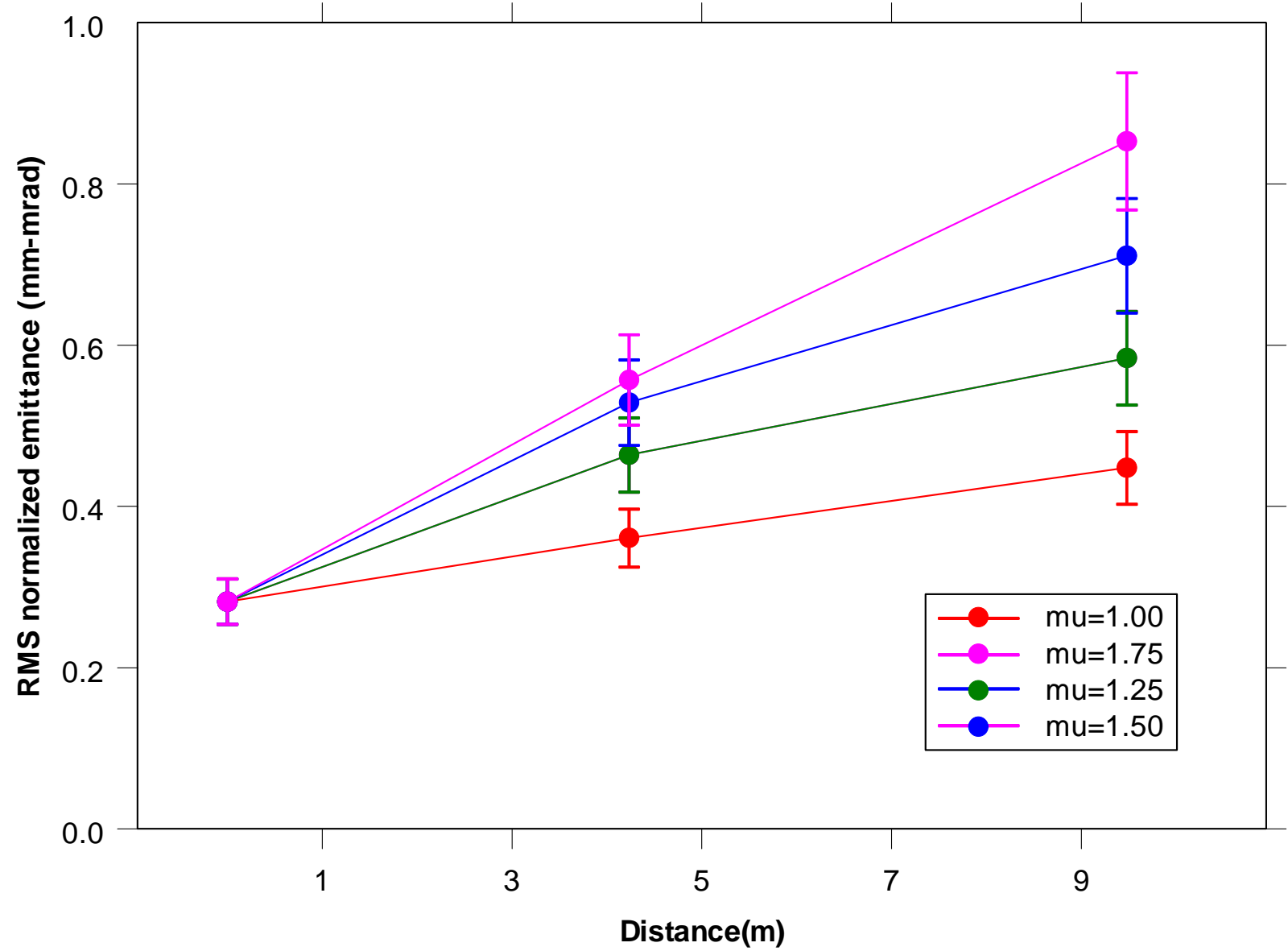
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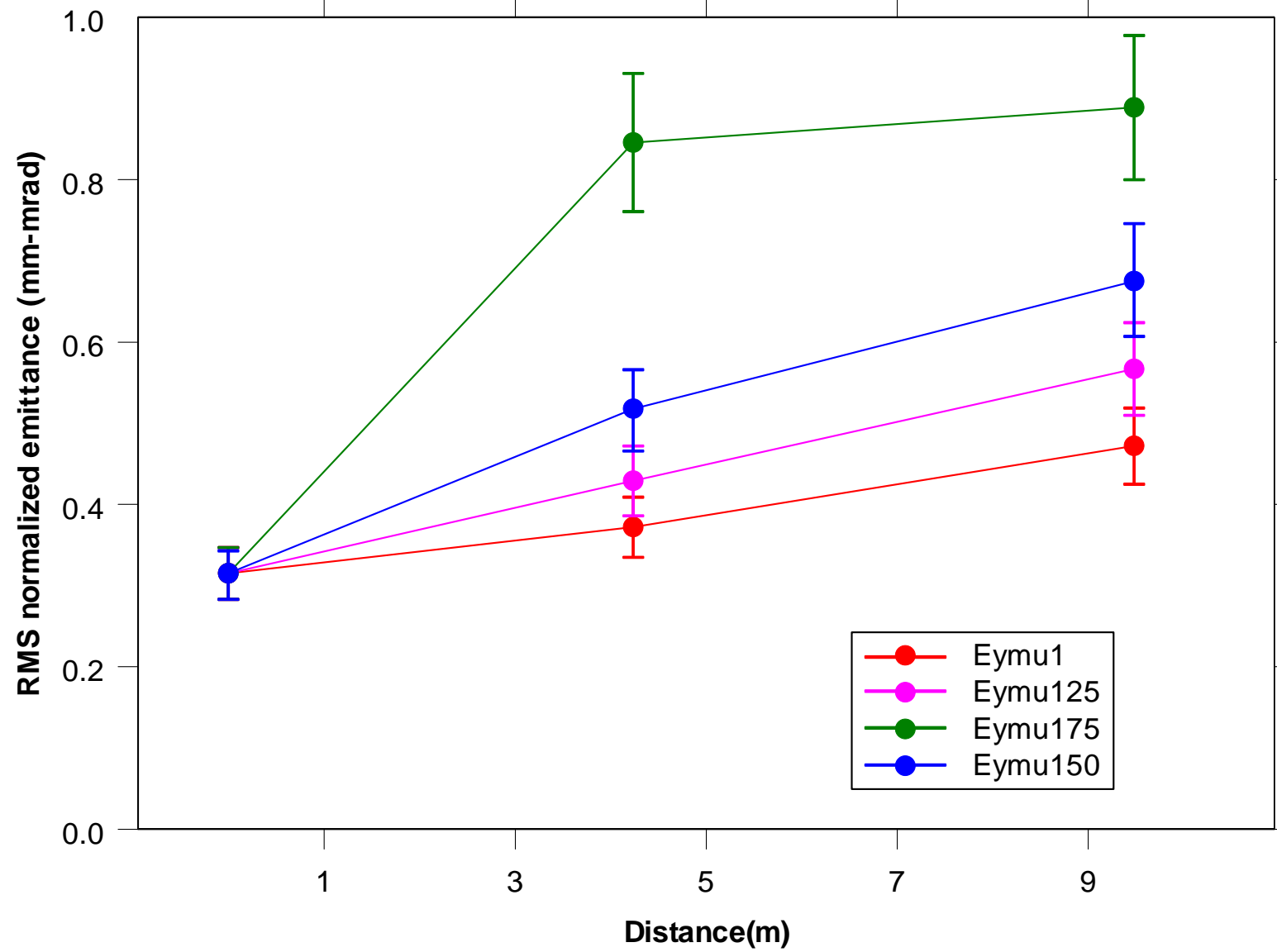
**x-plane rms normalized emittances versus distance**



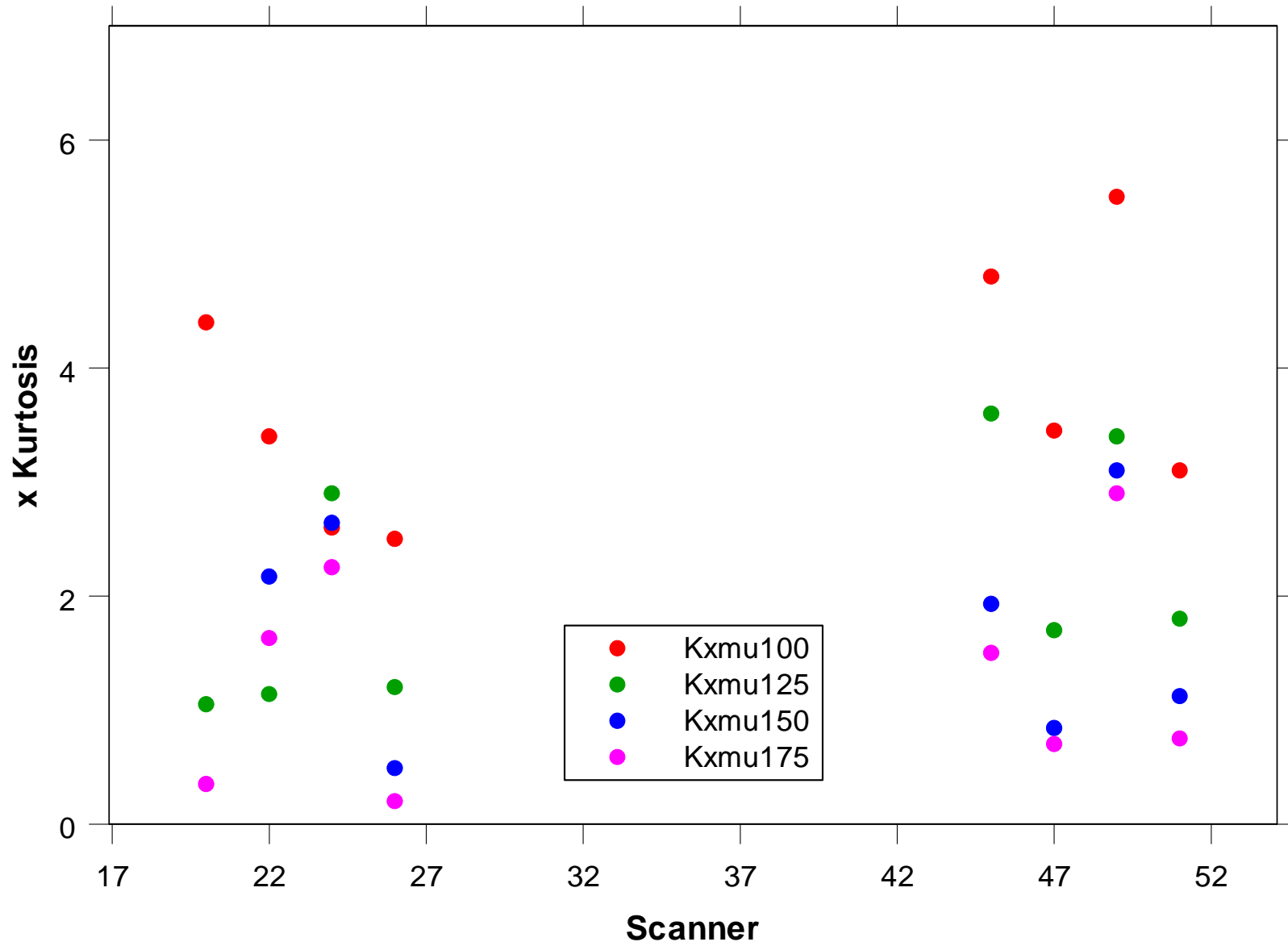
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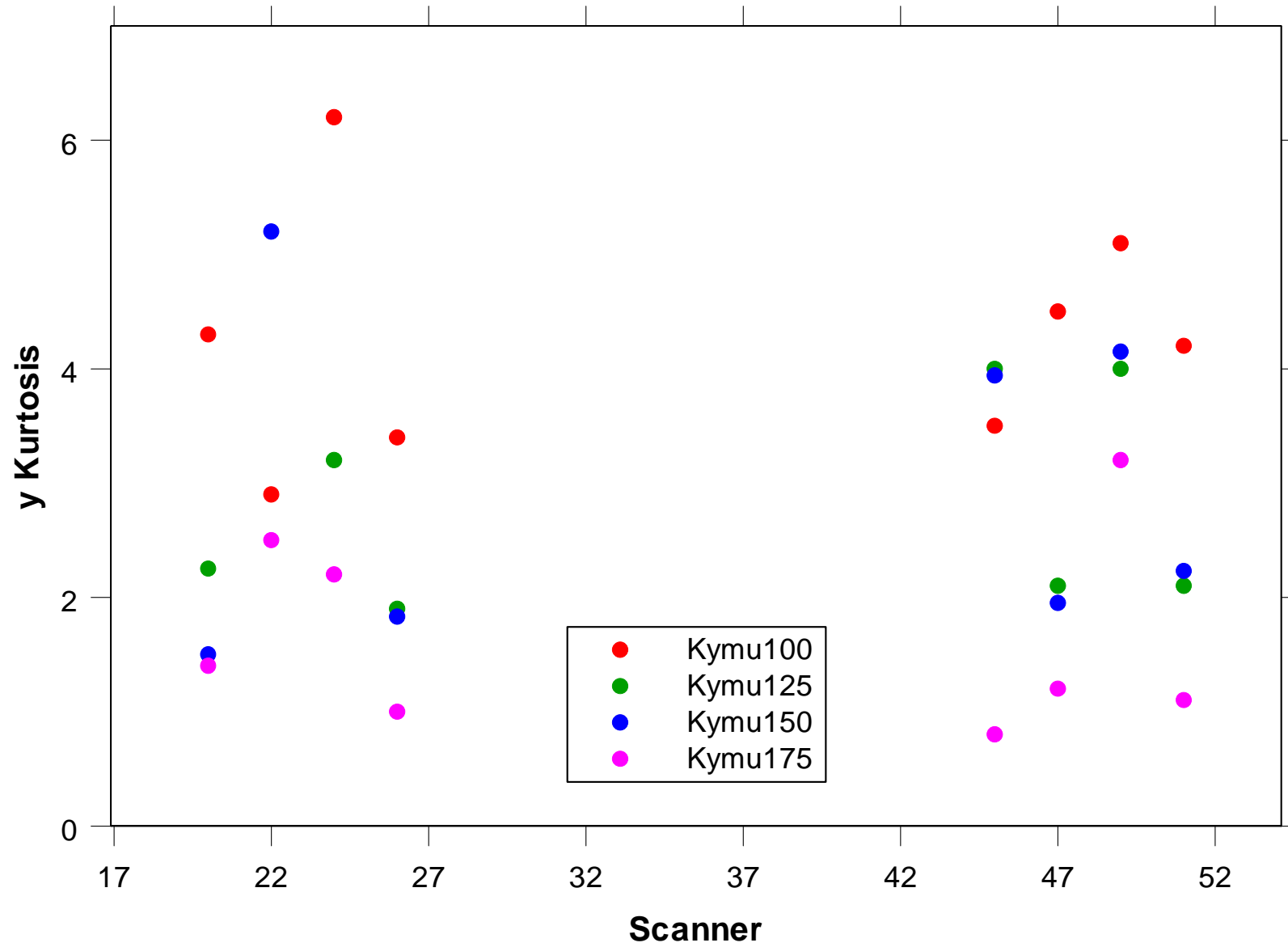
**y-plane rms normalized emittances versus distance**



### x Kurtosis 75 mA



y Kurtosis 75 mA



## **Multiparticle simulations were carried out with different simulation codes.**

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- LINAC code with standard 2D PIC space-charge subroutine called SCHEFF. (Same routine as used in PARMILA.) Ran 100,000 simulation particles on PC computer.
- IMPACT code with 3D PIC space-charge subroutine. Ran 10 million simulation particle runs on SGI computer at LANL.
- Both simulations use beam distribution based on previous multiparticle simulation through RFQ.
  - RFQ output distribution is adjusted to agree with measured ellipse parameters at RFQ exit.
- Excellent agreement between codes.
- Most of the simulation results are based on the IMPACT code.



# Preliminary conclusions from 75 mA multiparticle simulations

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- Measured results are not in good agreement with simple multiparticle simulations using the nominal output beam from the RFQ.
- Multiparticle simulations including lower energy particles, within about 1 MeV below the nominal 6.7 MeV design energy, show shoulders and asymmetries similar to the real data.
- Emittance growth, halo growth, and maximum amplitudes in the transport channel are also similar to the data.
- Precise tests of the simulation codes would require more information about the beam including the off-energy component.

## Summary

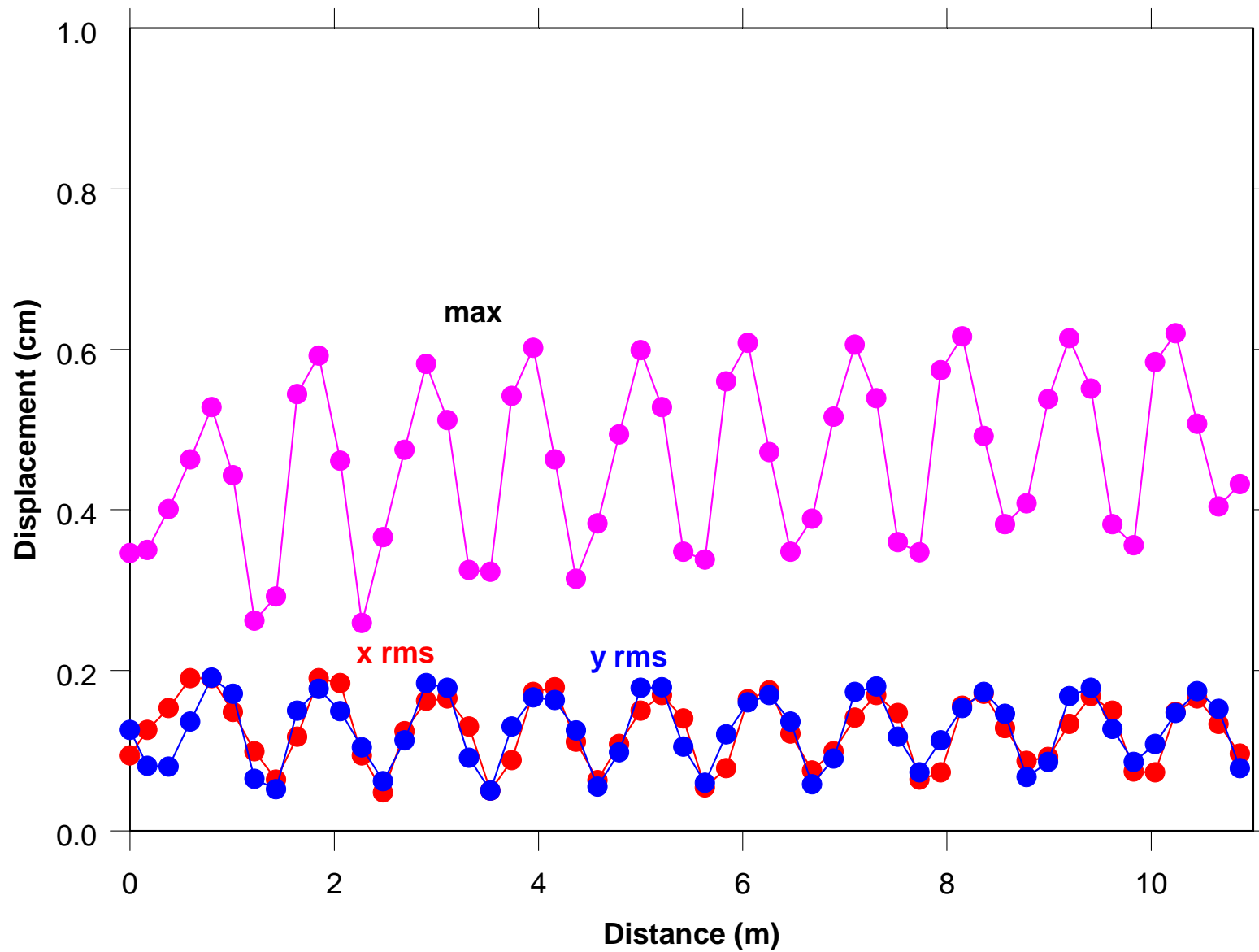
- The present results at 75 mA are consistent with space-charge forces acting in a mismatched beam which contains a significant fraction, perhaps a few percent, of particles within about an MeV below the nominal RFQ output energy.

# Beam diagnostics

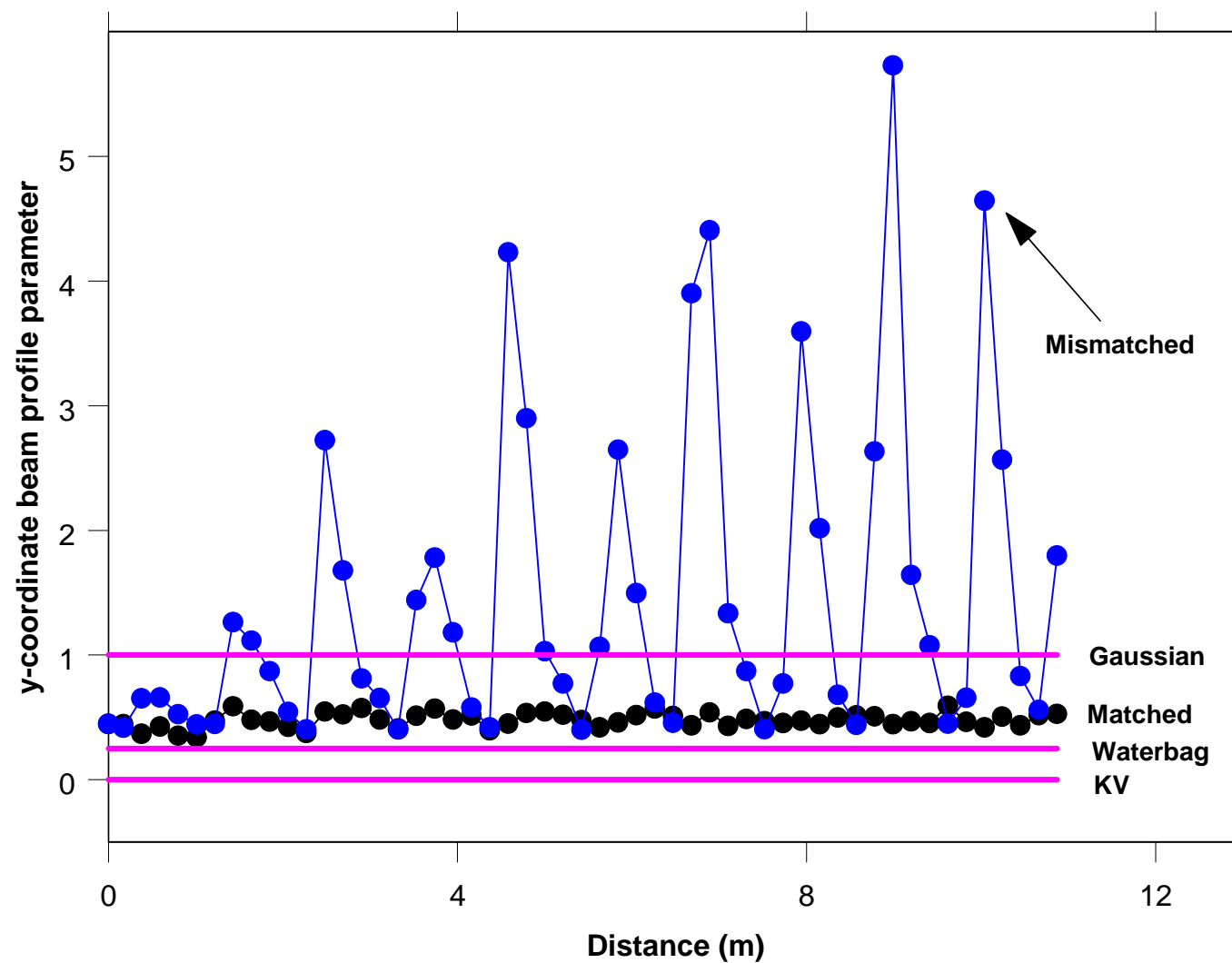
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- Beam centroid
- Beam current
  - pulsed current toroids
  - 350 MHz bunch current toroids
- Beam Loss
  - differential current
  - CsI scintillator/PM tubes
- Beam Profile Diagnostics
  - Carbon wire for core
  - graphite scraper plates for halo.

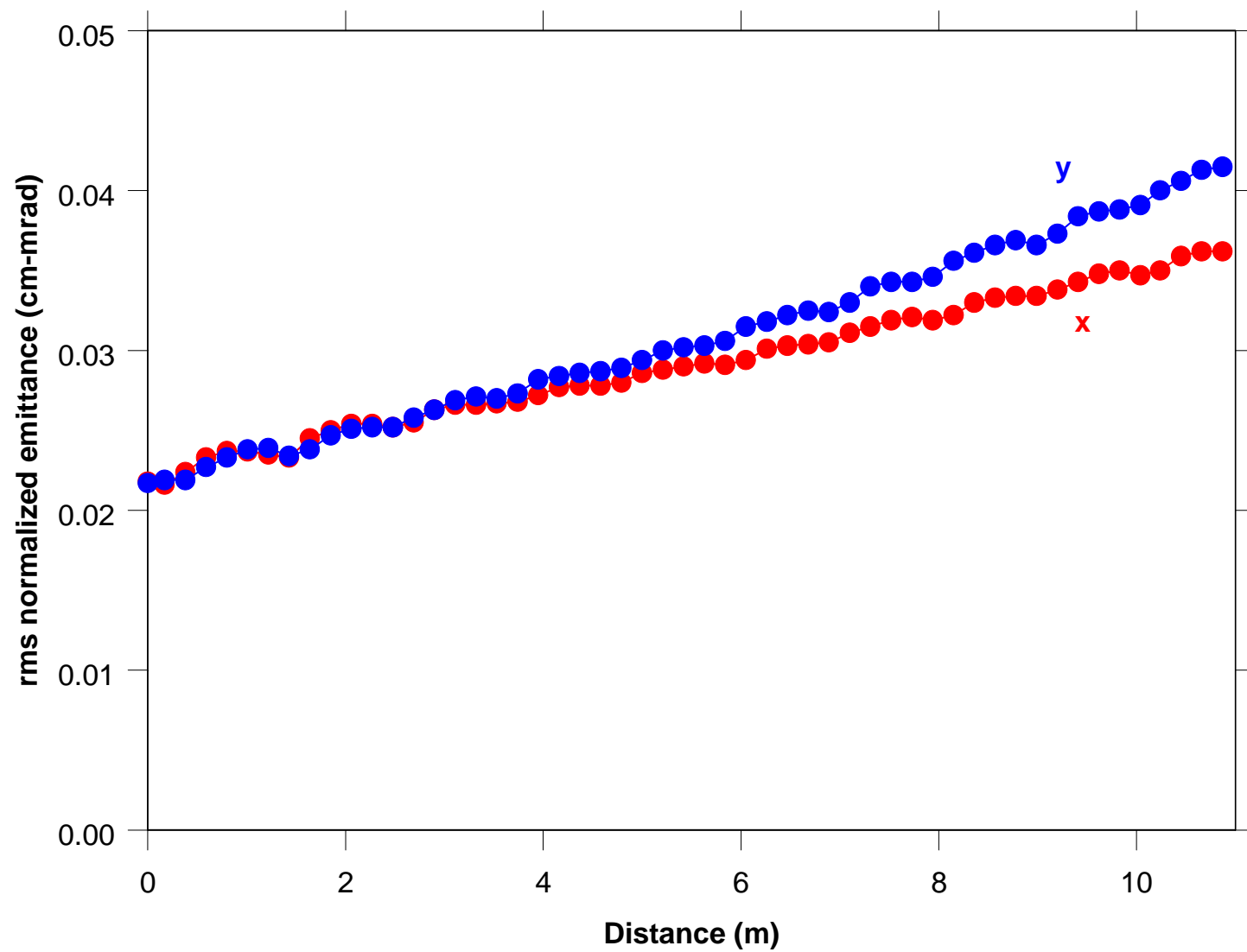
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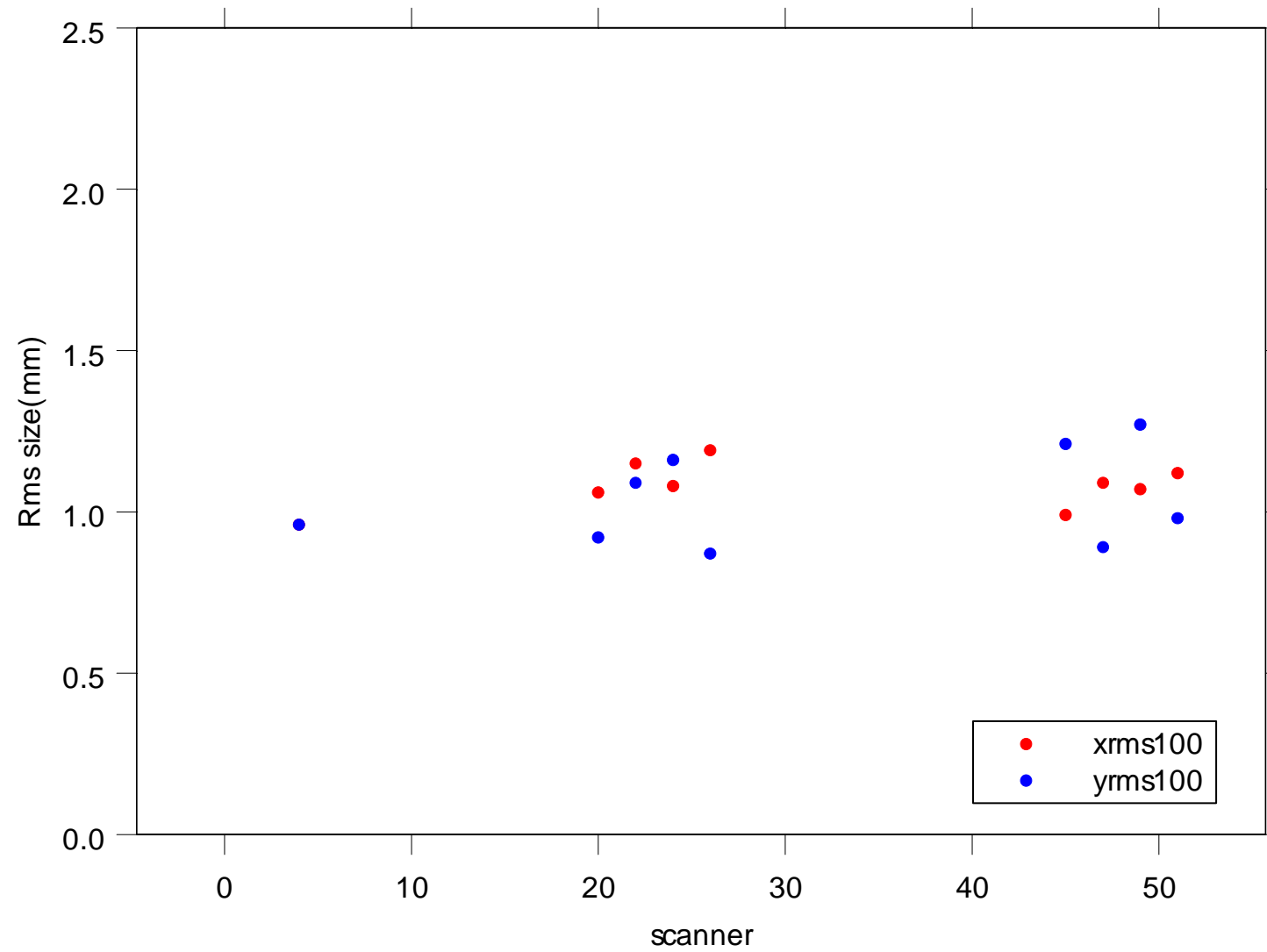
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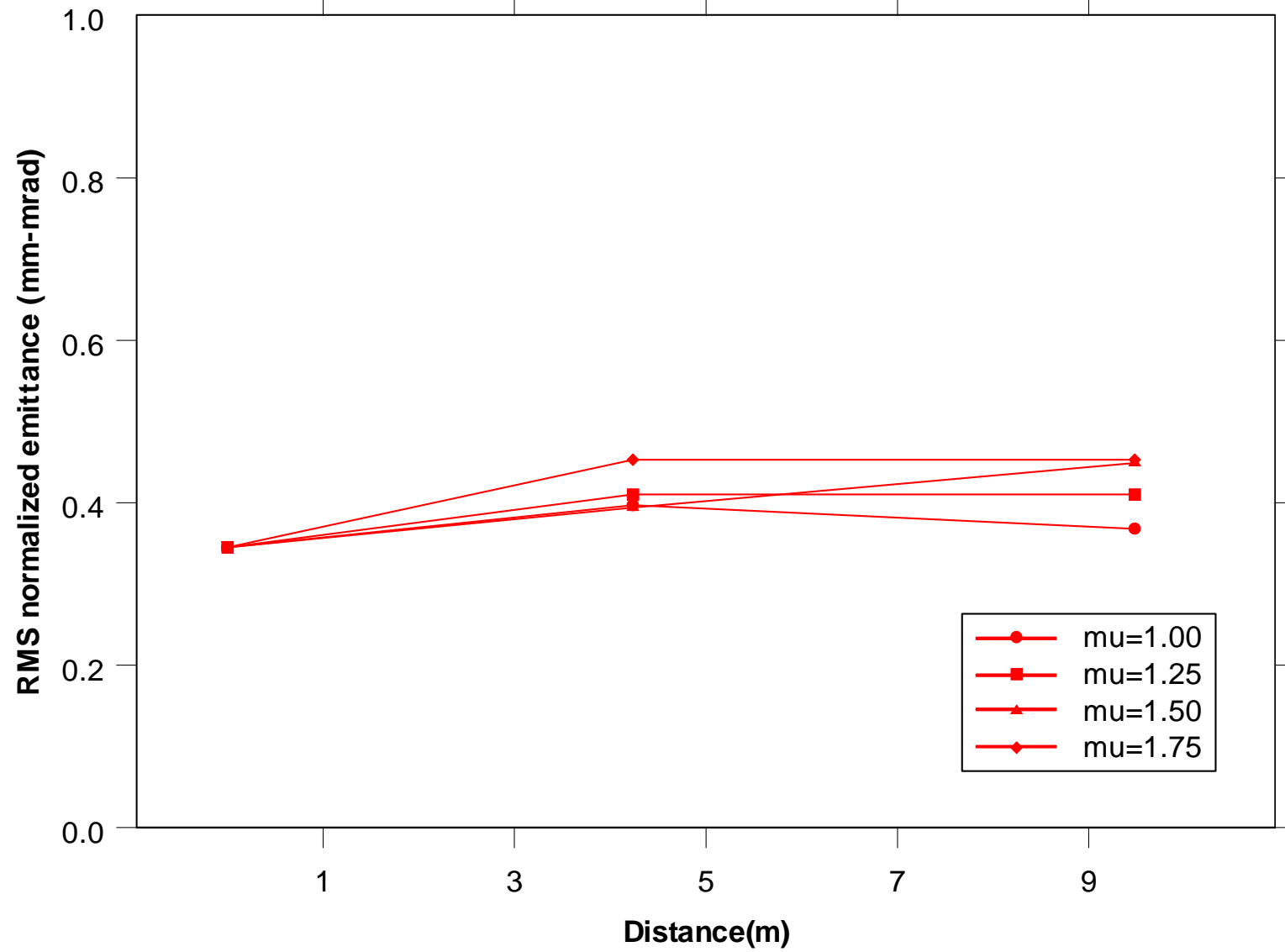
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Rms Displacement-16mA-- $\mu=1.00$



**x-plane rms normalized emittances -- 16 mA**





y-plane rms normalized emittances -- 16 mA

